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Facebook face-lift

New look is here to stay—like it or not

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Since he started Facebook in college 4½ years ago, Mark Zuckerberg has learned—sometimes painfully—that he can't make significant changes to the popular online hangout without triggering an uproar among indignant users who preferred the status quo.

But Zuckerberg, 24, is hoping he has found a way to ease the journey down a different road so he won't have to issue public apologies like he did in each of the previous two years after springing new products on users.

His theory faced a major test Wednesday when Facebook began forcing its 100 million users to adapt to a redesigned Web site, whether they like the new look or not.

Since unveiling the makeover seven weeks ago, Facebook had left it up to users to decide whether they wanted to switch over. If they didn't like it, the converts could just click a link to switch back to the old format.

But that option will be taken away from all users by the end of the week, a shift that Zuckerberg already knows will alienate some of Facebook's audience and raise the risk of driving more traffic to rival social networks like MySpace and Bebo.

"Any change can be a big deal to our users because this is how they connect with their family and friends," Zuckerberg said. "So when you move things around, it can be perceived as being not a positive thing even when it's a positive change."

The seeds of an uprising already have been planted on Facebook's own site, where several groups and petitions have cropped up to protest the change.

"It's not that we don't want change, period, it's that we don't like these particular changes," said Scott Sanders, 19, an Austin Peay University student who started one of the petitions opposing the redesign. "You have to navigate more and you have to click more to get to personal profiles. It's too much effort to get to basic information."

The gradual rollout differs from how Zuckerberg and the rest of Facebook's young management team have managed past revisions to the site.

In 2006, Facebook infuriated thousands of users by introducing "news feeds" that automatically broadcast certain personal details. Last year, Facebook faced another revolt when it rolled out a tracking device, dubbed "Beacon," that tracked and shared information about users' shopping habits and other activities at other Web sites.

In both instances, Zuckerberg apologized for going too far and placated the protesters by giving more control over news feeds and Beacon. News feeds are now considered indispensable by many, but Beacon still hasn't gained traction.

THE NEW LOOK
Facebook's face-lift separates users' personal profiles into different areas of the site and provides more tools that are meant to make it easier to share information and photos. The revisions also shift various applications to the bottom of a person's home page and clears up more white space. AP

On second thought ...

The gloomy housing market, a historic presidential campaign and a slew political scandals have had a chilling effect on Americans, and, according to some authors, the book publishing industry. Lagging sales for boldly titled books, such as "Why the Real Estate Boom Will Not Bust—and How You Can Profit From It," have inspired some scribes to regret those teasing titles.
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Check out some other titles that came back to bite their authors.

"The Fred Factor: How Fred Thompson May Change the Face of the '08 Campaign"

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Jon Stewart—still a 'Daily' dose of sanity

During this election year, it seems as if you can't flip on the TV without catching another pundit expounding on why a particular candidate can't capture the "40-year-old women who enjoy bocce ball but not crab cakes" vote.

Cable news, as exemplified by networks like CNN, MSNBC and Fox News Channel, have devolved into grist mills for speculation and pointless debate.

Yet there is one show out there you still can trust.

"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" long ago completed its transformation from mere news satire to the finest, most incisive news analysis show on TV. While Stewart and his team expertly and hilariously sort through the carnival that is modern politics, cable news networks have become voids of despair for anyone who actually wants to think about what's going on in the country and the world at large.

Witness MSNBC's Joe Scarborough and David Shuster have a schoolyard fight on YouTube, or switch over to Fox News and listen to Karl Rove sound like the voice of reason when talking to right-wing pundit Sean Hannity. Rather than watch cable news, try hitting yourself in the head with a shovel for the same effect.

Contrast this with "The Daily Show," where the commentary is almost disturbingly sane and thoughtful. Whether it's having President Bush debate himself using video footage of previous statements or ripping the press for actually caring how often a candidate wears a flag pin, "The Daily Show" has become a bastion of humor and intelligence in an otherwise dumb and humorless time.

So here's my proposition: We should stop watching cable news.

Altogether as Americans, we should start a movement that rivals women's suffrage or civil rights or the battle against climate change, and the goal of this movement should be nothing more than to stop watching these clowns on the upper channels.

Don't worry: Our movement still allows for other forms of media. Still read the Tribune (or RedEye). Surf the Web for information. Listen to news radio. But we must take a philosophical stand that says the only news we will now get from cable TV is "The Daily Show."

In 2004, the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania conducted a survey that found "Daily Show" viewers knew more about election issues than people who regularly read newspapers or watched TV news, according to **cnn.com**.

To be fair, this is because "The Daily Show's" audience largely is college-educated, but it's also fair to point out that the only way you can get the show's humor is if you have a good handle on current events. Thus, the show almost forces you to become a knowledgeable citizen.

Meanwhile, I argue that cable news makes you stupider. Or, if not stupider, it at least reduces your opinions on issues to supremely ridiculous talking points:

"Obama likes expensive salad! He doesn't know how working people feel!" "McCain owns eight houses! I bet he can't do basic addition and subtraction!"

Stewart gives us all a sliver of sanity each night. At least until the credits roll. Then it's time to grab my shovel.

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Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Wednesday accused Republican John McCain's campaign of using "lies and phony outrage and Swift Boat politics" in claiming he used a sexist comment against vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Calling it "the latest made-up controversy by the John McCain campaign," Obama responded to the Republicans' charge that he was referring to Palin when he used the phrase "lipstick on a pig" at a campaign stop Tuesday.

"I don't care what they say about me. But I love this country too much to let them take over another election with lies and phony outrage and Swift Boat politics. Enough is enough," he said.

Obama's reference was to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, an outside group that in 2004 made unsubstantiated allegations about Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry's decorated military record in Vietnam.

On Tuesday, Obama criticized McCain's policies as similar to those of President Bush, saying: "You can put lipstick on a pig. It's still a pig. You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called change. It's still going to stink after eight years."

Sen. John McCain is flanked by running mate Sarah Palin (left) and his wife, Cindy, at rally on Wednesday in Fairfax, Va. AP

The McCain campaign immediately jumped on the comments, arguing they were directed at Palin, the GOP's first woman on a presidential ticket. In her acceptance speech last week, she had referred to herself in a joke about lipstick being the only difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull.

Accusing Obama of "smearing" Palin in "offensive and disgraceful" comments, the McCain campaign demanded an apology—though McCain himself used the folksy metaphor a few times last year, including once to describe Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton's health care plan.

The McCain campaign on Wednesday issued an Internet ad that said Obama was talking about Palin and said of Obama: "Ready to lead? No. Ready to smear? Yes."

Obama's campaign has accused the GOP camp of engaging in a "pathetic attempt to play the gender card."

McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers responded, saying: "Barack Obama can't campaign with schoolyard insults and then try to claim outrage at the tone of the campaign. His talk of new politics is as empty as his campaign trail promises."

Survivor: Real life

A Disney catchphrase and thoughts of family recently helped survivors cope with harrowing circumstances.

» A father and his 12-year-old autistic son were on a Daytona Beach, Fla., vacation when the son got caught in a current. His dad, Walter Marino, 46, went after him and the two got stranded in the Atlantic for more than 15 hours over the weekend. They tread water and kept in touch despite the drift by calling out the "Toy Story" movie phrase, "To infinity and beyond," Marino said on NBC's "Today" Wednesday. They were rescued Sunday.

» A 21-year-old mother of two said Wednesday she survived five days trapped in a truck by focusing on her family and squeezing water from a leaf that she grasped through a broken window. Amber Pennell told "Today" that she didn't remember the crash that plunged her into a ravine in rural North Carolina on Aug. 20, and considers it a miracle that she is alive. AP

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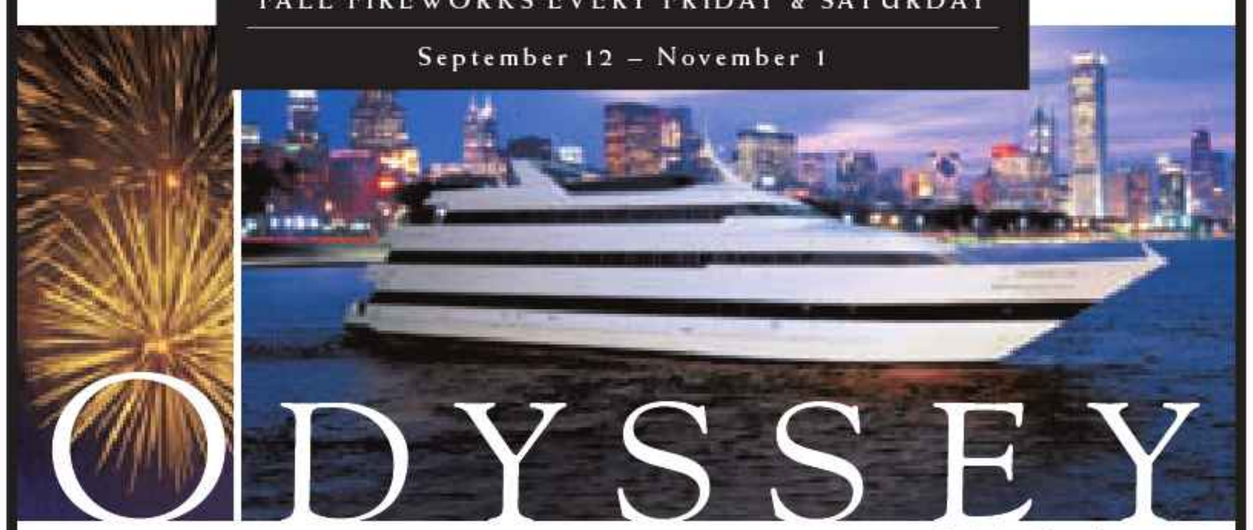

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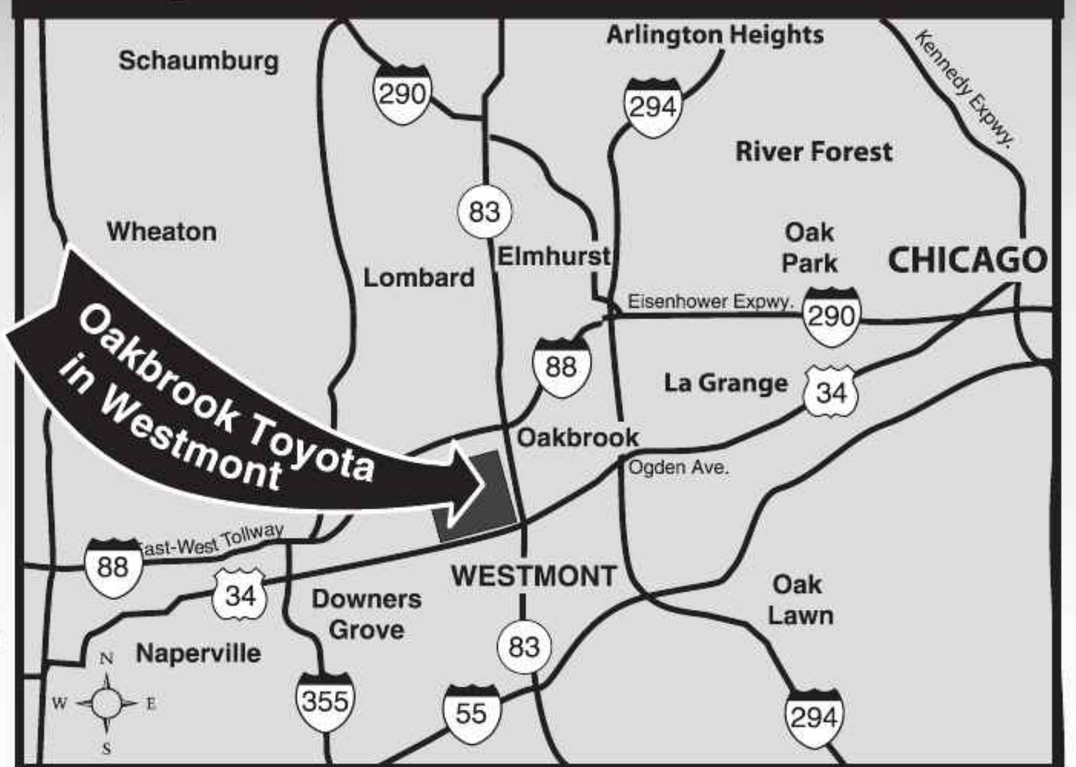

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In his words

Blagojevich talks about the CTA, criticism and the Cubs in an exclusive interview with RedEye

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Gov. Blagojevich thinks he's a little like Mark Cuban. The governor—known for his brash approach to governing and political bickering—likens his governing style to Cuban, the loudmouth owner of the Dallas Mavericks and Blagojevich's personal pick to buy the Cubs.

"He's a maverick," Blagojevich said. "I believe that's kind of how we've governed, not by choice, just out of necessity. ... I don't take no for an answer; we keep pushing."

But at what cost?

The governor has a low job approval rating.

There are multiple ongoing federal corruption investigations surrounding his administration, although Blagojevich has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

And in November Cook County voters will face an advisory referendum to recall public officials, including the governor, whose term extends to 2011.

The democratic governor said he "almost embraces" the criticism he endures for controversial decisions, including offering free CTA rides to seniors and rewriting the state ethics bill.

"It goes along with the territory," Blagojevich told RedEye in a sit-down interview last week at the Thompson Center, a week before lawmakers returned to session. In RedEye's first lengthy interview with Blagojevich, the embattled governor discussed his legislative priorities, his reputation and his future.

"If you're going to use the office to actually do things, and you're not afraid to shake things up and take on a system and change it for the benefit of the people, then ... there's plenty of company. The history books are filled with people like that, who've done that, and I'm just honored and thrilled that I have a chance to consider myself, to a lesser extent, one of them in there, in the mix, slugging it out on behalf of the people. That's how I see me."

> ***"Well, I like my job and it's still a long way off, but I see no reason why I don't want to keep doing this for a while. There's still more work to be done."***
>
> **GOV. BLAGOJEVICH**
> Expressing interest in a third term as governor

No such thing as a free ride

In listing his political accomplishments, Blagojevich touts his program that gives free rides to seniors on the CTA. Last month, the governor also signed a new state law that gives free transit rides to low-income people with disabilities. The problem? There are no state funds for the program. The Regional Transit Authority, which oversees the CTA, Metra and Pace, will have to find between $5 million and $10 million to pay for this new free-ride initiative, the Tribune has reported. Blagojevich recently cut $37.3 million from the state budget devoted to paying for free rides for seniors, among other reduced-fare subsidies. CTA officials said Monday that free rides have exacerbated its budget crisis, costing the agency at least $30 million this year.

On Wednesday, the governor said the CTA should stop blaming senior citizens for its money trouble, according to an Associated Press report. On Tuesday, Mayor Daley said Blagojevich would be to blame if the CTA is forced to raise fares.

Blagojevich told RedEye he's committed to improving the CTA's aging infrastructure with new trains, new buses and new tracks. He said this will be accomplished if the General Assembly passes a $25 billion capital construction plan for mass transit, roads, bridges and schools.

Republicans and Democrats have tried to move variations of this program forward, but no deal has been finalized on how to pay for the construction.

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol Wednesday to tackle this program, among other issues. House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) called his chamber back to consider a proposal to lease the state lottery, an idea aimed at generating funds for a broad public works program.

Blagojevich has failed to push a statewide construction program through the Democratic-controlled legislature since he took office nearly six years ago. The last major plan won approval under Republican Gov. George Ryan.

Blagojevich told RedEye he's hopeful the bill will be approved soon to improve transit in Chicago, which would help the city's bid for the 2016 Olympics.

"I think Chicago has a great opportunity to win the Olympics in 2016," Blagojevich said. "For Mayor Daley to have a stronger bid for

Gov. Blagojevich says he "almost embraces" the criticism he endures for controversial decisions.
E. JASON WAMBSGANS/ TRIBUNE

the Olympics, being able to make the case to the International Olympic Committee that the public transportation system in Chicago is modern, convenient and efficient is I think very imperative."

Tension in Springfield

By many accounts, Blagojevich is not a popular guy at the statehouse. He has engaged in a long, public feud with Madigan. Other Democrats, including Attorney General Lisa Madigan and State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias—both possible contenders for governor in 2010—also have distanced themselves from Blagojevich.

In a controversial move, Blagojevich last month rejected ethics legislation aimed at stopping him from taking millions of dollars in campaign contributions from state contractors, the Tribune has reported. He instead sent the bill back to lawmakers, demanding they include themselves and other state officers in the restrictions. The Illinois House on Wednesday overwhelmingly rejected Blagojevich's attempt to rewrite the legislation.

House lawmakers voted 110-3 to override Blagojevich's proposed changes, accusing him of trying to kill the ban on pay-to-play politics rather than enhance it.

Blagojevich's amendatory veto of the bill stripped a provision that would prohibit anyone seeking state business from donating to the politician who doles out the contract. Instead, it would ban contributions only from those who have won a contract.

The bill's fate is uncertain. If the state Senate does not also reject the governor's changes, the legislation dies.

Despite tension in Springfield, Blagojevich expressed interest in a third term as governor.

"Well, I like my job and it's still a long way off, but I see no reason why I don't want to keep doing this for a while," he told RedEye. "There's still more work to be done."

'Criticism is an occupational hazard'

Inside and outside political circles, Blagojevich is known for a no-holds-barred, bully style of governing. RedEye asked the governor whether this reputation is an accurate representation of who he is.

"It depends on whose perception it is, right?" Blagojevich said.

"I feel like things are good with people. Every time I go out, no matter where I go, people are warm and friendly and they're aware of what the struggles are and the challenges are. I think to a large extent, a lot of them appreciate the different things we've been able to do for them."

But that perception may not be the reality. A group of people hoping to unseat the governor successfully collected about 900 signatures to get an advisory referendum question on the Nov. 4 ballot to let Cook County voters weigh in on whether elected officials, including the governor, should be recalled, the Tribune reported. The referendum won't cause formal action.

Earlier this year, the governor earned a 13 percent approval rating in a survey of 400 Illinoisans by the Midwest Democracy Network, a political reform group. The poll was conducted in late April and May during the federal corruption trial of Antoin "Tony" Rezko, a former top Blagojevich adviser who was convicted. The governor's administration faces federal investigations into his fundraising and awarding of jobs and contracts but has not been charged with wrongdoing.

Blagojevich would not discuss the allegations, but addressed what it's like to govern under such intense scrutiny.

"Criticism is an occupational hazard in a job like this. You can't take the heat, you can't take the criticism, don't become governor. And don't become governor if you don't really believe in what you're doing, or you don't have a real belief or an idea on what you want to do for people," Blagojevich said.

"I know what I want to do, I know where I want to go and I have an idea of how to get there and we mostly get there—not all the time, but we mostly do. And sometimes we push and we prod and we get rejected and then we find another way to get it done."

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Rootin' for Cuban

If Gov. Blagojevich—a diehard Cubs fan—had his way, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban also would own the Cubs.

Blagojevich said he recently met with Cuban, an Internet billionaire.

"Mark Cuban is a great American success story, self-made, had built his business up and has been so successful that he has now gone and has sort of indulged some of the things that he loves to do," Blagojevich said. "I think he would be the kind of an owner who in many ways would be like a new generation George Steinbrenner and would expect to put a competitive team on the field every year."

Cuban is one of five bidders for the Cubs.

"I'm not the only Cubs fan who looks at a guy like Mark Cuban with a certain degree of hope," Blagojevich said.

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Gov, actually

Want to know the plot of a Turner Classic Movie? No doubt Blagojevich can recite it for you. The governor spends his free time watching old movies, reading history books and running to the oldies.

On his iPod: Elvis, Stevie Wonder, Bruce Springsteen, Diana Ross, the Isley Brothers

On his TiVo: This question tripped the governor up a bit. He said he TiVos old movies, some Cubs games, HBO's "Hard Knocks" and "Curb your Enthusiasm." He alluded to not tuning into stations that have local newscasts. "I wouldn't know what's on 2, 5 or 7. Do they still do TV shows?"

How he would spend a Ferris Bueller's day off: Run 6.5 miles; shoot hoops with old friends. Take his two daughters—Amy, 12, and Annie, 5—to a Cubs game, Lincoln Park Zoo and a toy store. Have dinner with family and friends. Read a history book and watch an old movie.

Last time he took the 'L': He took his tween daughter Amy on the Brown Line to see a Cubs game last season. "I should do it this year. Things are going so well I don't want to jinx the Cubs."

Running shoe: Saucony Pro-Grid Hurricanes, but the governor said he is constantly testing new shoes. "For me, it's just been the search for the fountain of youth."

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Education pays—really

It's not what you think—students could earn cash for making the grade

Deont'e Beckwith, 14, a freshman at Uplift Community High School, says he already earns good grades and is excited about getting paid for them. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

Chicago Tribune

Up to 5,000 freshmen at 20 Chicago public high schools will get cash for good—and even average—grades as part of a new, Harvard-designed test program city education leaders are rolling out Thursday.

Get an A in math? Make a quick 50 bucks. Only pull a C? Here's a twenty.

Parents have been rewarding children for stellar report cards for decades. Chicago Public Schools officials say the idea is to get students to stay in school and do well while they're there.

"The majority of our students don't come from families with a lot of economic wealth. I'm always trying to level the playing field," said the district's CEO, Arne Duncan.

Chicago is following the lead of similar programs in their infancy in New York and Washington, D.C. The district's plan, part of the "Green for Grade$" program, involves no taxpayer money—the $2 million over two years comes from private sources.

Critics suggest that what amounts to bribing students to get good grades isn't the right lesson to teach.

"It's a terrible idea, because you're getting people to do things for the wrong reasons," said Barry Schwartz, a Swarthmore College psychology professor who has written on the issue. The message is selling just fine, however, at Uplift Community High School in Uptown.

Jeremy Kellum, 14, a freshman, said that while he's accustomed to getting C's especially in science and social studies, getting paid as much as $4,000 is all the incentive he needs to hit the books harder.

"I do love green money. ... I'll shoot for A's instead of slacking off getting by with a C now," Kellum said. "My plan is to study more, to not play in class as much as I did last year, and basically pay attention to the teacher and take good notes and pass tests."

Duncan said that's the type of dedication he's after from students.

During the first two years of high school students are at most risk of dropping out, which is why the district's program covers students through the end of sophomore year.

District officials said the 20 high schools were chosen by lottery out of 65 that applied. Duncan noted that at the selected schools, the "overwhelming majority" of students come from families below the poverty line.

Kelly Taylor, a union carpenter who said he's been without work for four months because of the slow economy, had nothing but praise for the program.

"It gives the students something to really shoot for. She already likes school. It makes it better for her to meet her goals," said Taylor. "I can't afford to give $50 for every A."

MAKING THE PAPER

Under the plan, students will be measured every five weeks in math, English, social science, science and physical education. Students will get half the money after the five-week period, with the remainder paid out upon graduation. A straight-A student could earn up to $4,000, officials say.

Problems in Loop could further delay CTA project

377 days The amount of time behind schedule the signaling project is running, according to Chris Bushell, CTA manager of power and way.

Chicago Tribune

Problems with making new CTA train signals work properly on the Loop elevated tracks threaten to cause delays of more than one year in the rail modernization project downtown, transit officials said Wednesday.

Numerous change orders related to the technical difficulties in updating the 40-year-old signaling system may lead to cost overruns in the project, which currently is budgeted at more than $100 million, Chris Bushell, CTA manager of power and way, told the CTA Board.

Completion of the work on replacing signaling at a key Loop junction is now scheduled for spring 2010 instead of next year, Bushell said.

The CTA is working with its contractors to solve problems and regain lost time, CTA President Ron Huberman said.

A related $22 million project to replace deteriorated rail ties on a portion of the Loop structure is on time and within budget for completion before Thanksgiving, Huberman said.

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Charges dropped in slaying of cop, friend

Cook County prosecutors dropped all charges Wednesday against a Chicago man in the slaying and robbery last month of off-duty Chicago Police Detective Robert Soto and his friend Kathryn Romberg.

Jason Austin, 26, strode through a throng of media to a waiting car outside Cook County Jail and refused to answer any questions about his startling turn of fortune.

His family, however, had plenty to say.

"I feel very relieved," his mother, Ruthie Austin, said at the Cook County Criminal Courthouse moments after the case was formally dropped.

The Tribune reported in its Saturday editions that questions had arisen about key evidence in the case and that law enforcement sources expressed concerns that the problems made it more difficult to prove in court.

In a joint statement, Cook County State's Atty. Dick Devine and Police Supt. Jody Weis stressed that the decision "does not preclude any future charges."

"This investigation is vigorously going forward, and we will pursue any evidence wherever it may lead us," their statement said.

ORIGINALLY

Jason Austin was charged Aug. 18 and ordered held without bail in the murders of Robert Soto, 49, who was assigned to the bomb and arson unit, and Kathryn Romberg, 45, an Illinois Department of Children and Family Services caseworker.

The joint statement said "challenges with witness statements" prompted prosecutors to conclude "they would no longer be able to sustain their burden of proof."

Austin's attorney, David Wiener, applauded Devine and his prosecutors for having "the courage to dismiss a case in which a police officer was murdered." Wiener said he was suspicious from the beginning when two people accused of being in the car with Austin were not charged.

2 banks robbed

Two North Side banks were robbed Wednesday morning, and police said the suspect in both incidents was arrested at the last one. The suspect was arrested at the National City Bank branch at 921 W. Armitage Ave., which was robbed about noon. About a half hour earlier, the National City Bank branch at 877 N. Rush St. was hit, police said.

ComEd bills going up

Commonwealth Edison customers will pay an additional $4.50 a month, after the Illinois Commerce Commission approved a delivery charge increase of roughly $270 million on Wednesday. The increase will largely pay for the modernization of the electricity infrastructure, replacing a century-old network of transmission lines with a "smart grid," which will would provide customers with real-time data about their electricity usage, making it easier to be more energy efficient.

Armed robbery at 'L' stop

Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred on a downtown CTA Blue Line platform Wednesday afternoon. It was unclear whether shots were fired. No one was injured in the 1:20 p.m. robbery at the Jackson Street stop, police said. The incident was captured by surveillance video and detectives are reviewing the footage to identify the robber, police said.

Gay high school proposed

A proposed new high school would welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and sexually questioning students, groups that supporters say often face violence and harassment at school. But the plan isn't likely to become reality before 2012, and that's only if it passes through the bevy of criticism it faces from both sides of the political spectrum. The plan comes from the people who run the Greater Lawndale Little Village High School for Social Justice.

Mayor Daley observes the Chicago City Council meeting Wednesday. JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Proposal would ban texting while driving

While aldermen are waiting for Mayor Daley to share his plans for closing a mammoth budget shortfall, two proposals introduced at Wednesday's City Council meeting show there are few issues outside of local government that Chicago's lawmakers are afraid to tackle.

After banning talking on cell phones when driving in 2005, the council will now consider a measure prohibiting motorists from sending text messages or surfing the Internet while in motion on the city's streets.

The council also may look to extend its reach from the streets to the baseball diamond, under a proposed ordinance that would ban the use of metal bats in school and park district leagues where players are between 8 and 18 years old.

When the council made national headlines for banning the liver delicacy foie gras, Daley forced a repeal and called it a prime example of aldermen meddling in affairs far beyond their purview.

But on Wednesday, he appeared open to the bat and cell phone restrictions, agreeing with sponsors that the measures are about safety.

"Using one hand driving is very dangerous," Daley said.

The mayor avoided taking a clear stand on the bat ban but said, "You don't want any child to be injured, so you really have to look at it very carefully."

Freshman Ald. Robert Fioretti (2nd) said concern for safety motivates his ordinance against metal baseball bats.

Council veteran Edward Burke (14th), who once wanted to restrict many Chicago restaurants from serving food with trans fats, is the sponsor of the legislation that would keep you from texting or checking the Internet with your cell phone or handheld wireless device. Burke, too, cited safety.

Pizza chain owner charged with arson

Federal agents asked the owner of the Bacci pizzeria chain to drop by the Chicago police bomb and arson squad office last week to discuss the 2000 fire that damaged a building he owned in Little Italy.

When Robert Didiana arrived at the West Side office, the agents said they'd solved the case—and he was under arrest for allegedly hiring a street gang to burn down the building for insurance money, according to a law enforcement source familiar with the investigation.

Didiana, who lives in Darien and owns 18 Bacci Pizzeria restaurants in Illinois, is charged with two counts of aggravated arson in the fire at his 913 S. Western Ave. building, according to Cook County prosecutors.

The fire, which caused heavy damage to the building on Christmas Eve 2000, began while a family who rented an apartment on an upper floor celebrated the holidays there. The family escaped without harm when the arsonists sent a junior gang member into the building after the fire was started to evacuate the couple, their child and an elderly relative, according to the source.

Authorities said Didiana collected about $250,000 in an insurance settlement from the fire. The 39-year-old restaurateur was released from the Cook County Jail on $150,000 bond last weekend, prosecutors said. He could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

DIGIT

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Man charged in subway beating

1 **PHILADELPHIA** Police have arrested a man suspected of brutally attacking a dozing subway passenger with a hammer while other riders did nothing to stop the assault, the city's police commissioner said Wednesday.

Thomas Scantling, 26, of Philadelphia, who was taken into custody in a mental institution late Tuesday, has a lengthy record of rape and other convictions, Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said on NBC's "Today."

The victim was treated and released from a hospital.

THE VICTIM

Dewayne Taylor, 20, made his own way to a hospital and was treated for head and neck injuries. Taylor, who has been released from the hospital, said Tuesday he has no idea who the attacker is or why he was targeted.

Ramsey criticized other riders for standing by when the assailant entered the train with his 5-year-old son, directed the boy to a seat, calmly pulled a hammer from a backpack and attacked a man dozing in a nearby seat.

At least 10 other riders were in the car, yet no one interfered as the attacker repeatedly struck the victim in the train car and later out on a platform, Ramsey said on "Today."

"They better pray they're never a victim, because if someone was attacking them that way they would certainly hope someone would step forward and help, and it starts with stepping forward and doing something yourself," Ramsey said.

Authorities said Scantling was apprehended after family members called police.

2 **SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia** Anti-government protesters caused a pipeline explosion in southern Bolivia on Wednesday, forcing a 10 percent cut in natural gas exports to Brazil, the head of the state energy company said. The official, Santos Ramirez, called the explosion in Tarija province "a terrorist attack." AP

GETTY IMAGES

3 **When in Rome ...**
People of Mataro, Spain, dressed up as ancient Roman soldiers Wednesday for Pope Benedict XVI's weekly audience in Vatican City. The pope is leaving for France this weekend.

Ike grows
Hurricane Ike grew stronger as it barreled across the warm, energizing waters of the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday after crashing into Cuba. Forecasters said Ike could become a major Category 3 hurricane before slamming into Texas or northern Mexico on Saturday.

4 **Leader on mend?**
North Korea's Kim Jong Il is on the road to recovery from a stroke and still in control of his isolated country's communist regime, South Korea suggested Wednesday, disputing reports that the leader is gravely ill.

5 **Honoring 9/11?**
Searching for an economic boost and home to perhaps the most compelling story of 9/11, Shanksville, Pa., is trying to pull off a balancing act: remembering the victims of United Airlines Flight 93 in a way that encourages development and job growth without devolving into disrespect.

6 **Search for workers**
The body of one worker has been found after part of a retail and residential building under construction in Chester, Va., collapsed Wednesday. An official said crews continue to search the rubble for any other workers who may have been trapped.

7 **Inmate death**
A jail inmate wrestled a gun away from a guard in a hospital and escaped in a stolen SUV early Wednesday, but crashed hours later during a police chase and then shot himself to death, police in Kittanning, Pa., said.

BIG MAC ATTACK

Don Gorske of Fond Du Lac, Wis., is the Mac daddy. He's eaten 23,000 Big Macs—one almost every day since May 17, 1972. Here's some more food for thought:

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Raise your HANDS if you're unsure

Think much hand-wringing is going on with Cubs and White Sox fans? The Sox had lost three in a row and eight of their past 12 going into Wednesday night's game. The Cubs followed a seven-game winning streak with a six-game losing streak and nine losses in their past 10.

Meanwhile, both clubs' managers have ranted about their players not showing more fight in the face of recent adversity.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella said he finally got tired of the lack of intensity he was seeing on the field: "You have to get your damn shirt [sleeves] rolled up and kick somebody's [butt]. Period. Period."

After losing three big names in the lineup to injury—Paul Konerko on Tuesday and Carlos Quentin and Joe Crede last month—Sox manager Ozzie Guillen challenged his players to step up: "We have to fight like a cat—paws up. If we're going to fail, fail like a man."

We check in with the Cubs and Sox Hands, who watched their teams take early leads on Wednesday night. REDEYE, TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED.

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CUBS HAND: Sox got off to a hot start, two runs in the first. ... Should we "paws" for applause?
SOX HAND: Oh, here we go.
CUBS HAND: Really, what is this, the South Side production of "Cats"? Can I be Skimbleshanks? Or is that Ozzie?
SOX HAND: You really wanna do this? Are we doing this?

CUBS HAND: Go, cats, go! Go, CATS, go! Hey, Chicago, whaddya say? The Sox scratch out a win today!
SOX HAND: I'm not going to dignify that with a response. Period. I mean, who are the Cubs to judge anyone's motivational techniques? Period. .... Period, period, period! Now let's roll up our sleeves like we're on the campaign trail ...
CUBS HAND: Interesting you should say "trail." Let's see if you can bring yourself to say that word when you play that three-game series in Minnesota in two weeks and the Twins finally overtake you in the division. By that time, you should have had so many injuries you'll have to call up the players' wives. Oh, too soon?
SOX HAND: I balk at your cynicism. Oh, I said "balk." Too soon? The bottom line is we may be hanged up, but we're scrappy. At least we know what two straight wins in September look like.

CUBS HAND: How did I know you'd go there? Every team of destiny goes through a slump—the playoff gods demand it. And at least our slumps don't last two whole years after a World Series win.
SOX HAND: Oh you do acknowledge the World Champion Sox. I thought you still had that mental block? Look, what does it tell you about franchise when your team goes through a late-season dry spell that your own fans start bringing up the Great Collapse of 1969? (Or the Great Collapse of 1984. Or the Great Collapse of 2003 ...)
CUBS HAND: Let's not get catty about this, Munkustrap. Bad kitty, bad kitty! This Cubs team will be different. You can't lose pitchers the caliber of Carlos Zambrano and Rich Harden and not be rattled at least a little. Our last two losses were by a run. Heartbreaking, but true.
SOX HAND: Look, we don't bear down here at the Cell. We've been dealing with key injuries all season. And your losses against the likes of the Reds show how you won't be able to seal the deal down the stretch—or in the playoffs. Look at the back end of your schedule: vs. Brewers, vs. Cards, at Mets, at Brewers. That's all she wrote, old friend.

CUBS HAND: There's one thing you glossed over, old enemy: You think we're going to the playoffs. Period.

SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 5

Sox stop losing skid

Mark Buehrle outpitched Roy Halladay and the White Sox stopped Toronto's 10-game winning streak, holding off the Blue Jays 6-5 Wednesday night at U.S. Cellular Field.

A.J. Pierzynski drove in three runs for the White Sox. Also on Wednesday, the Minnesota Twins notched consecutive wins for the first time in nearly three weeks to stay one game behind Chicago in the American League Central.

The Blue Jays scored three runs in the ninth inning and fell one victory short of tying the longest winning streak in team history, set in 1987 and matched in 1998. AP

Buehrle

Sox hits

Konerko: Playoffs would make pain worth it

The next day or so could tell whether first baseman Paul Konerko will rejoin the White Sox as soon as this weekend.

"If this happened in April or May, you might wait until there was no pain," Konerko said Wednesday after an MRI confirmed a grade one sprain of his medial collateral ligament of his right knee. "But I'll just wait until it can function. And if there's some pain, that's fine. It's that time of year when you have to get back in there. We're fighting for a spot in the playoffs. But it has to be able to function.

"There's only a couple of weeks left. And if you get in [the playoffs], it'll be worth it. And if you don't you have four months to rest."

- Less than 24 hours after saying the Sox needed to fight like cats, Sox manager Ozzie Guillen held up a gray T-shirt with black lettering that read, "Paws Up."
- OF Carlos Quentin will have his fractured right wrist re-examined Sept. 17. Quentin has resumed light swings with his left hand.

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CUBS 4, CARDINALS 3

Is that kicking butt?

ST. LOUIS After Lou Piniella challenged his players Tuesday night to go out and "kick some [butt]," pitcher Ted Lilly decided to lead the charge.

Lilly rammed into St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina while being thrown out at the plate in the second inning of Wednesday night's 4-3 victory over the Cardinals, displaying the kind of moxie Piniella was looking for.

Molina was thrown on his back and doubled over in pain after the collision, which involved Lilly's knee unintentionally greeting Molina's groin area, forcing him out of the game three innings later with what was described as a "left thigh bruise."

Lilly earned his 14th victory with a strong eight-inning effort, helping the Cubs maintain their 4½-game lead over Milwaukee and reducing their magic number to clinch a playoff spot to 10.

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Cubs hits

- Preparations in Houston for Hurricane Ike are likely to affect the Cubs' series this weekend against the Astros. The Astros announced Wednesday they are considering moving Friday's game from 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. in an effort to avoid the onset of the hurricane, which is expected to hit the Texas coast late Friday night.
- Carlos Zambrano threw a bullpen session Wednesday and said he felt fine for Saturday's start in Houston. Cubs manager Lou Piniella, obviously tired of talking about Zambrano, said pitching coach Larry Rothschild told him he was ready to go.
- Rich Harden will start Thursday night in St. Louis after a 12-day layoff since his last start Aug. 29. Though Piniella reported Harden had experienced some "discomfort" in his right shoulder, Harden said there wasn't anything to be concerned about.

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1 From bad to worse
As if the White Sox aren't hurting enough: Paul Konerko's out, and manager Ozzie Guillen hopes he's back soon. Of course, in Chicago, "soon" doubles as "sayonara."

2 Here, kitty, kitty
Guillen says the Sox have to fight "like a cat—paws up." Hey, watch it. Cats fight dirty. I should know. I've got the scars to prove it.

3 A new pitch
For the second straight game, a Cubs pitcher balked Wednesday. It's not out of the question, however, that it's really a "bwak, bwak." Get it, they're chicken? Ugh.

4 Curses!
Cubs manager Lou Piniella blew off some steam after Tuesday's loss, using a few expletives after the game. Can't blame him. They make me want to curse too.

5 Rimshot
The Bears brought back veteran tackle Fred Miller. Glad to see you back, Fred. Meet ya at the firing range?

6 Chump change
Forbes says the Bears are worth $1.064 billion. That's about $5 for every failed starting QB since Jim McMahon (left).

7 Wet Web
NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will chat with fans Thursday on **nfl.com**. And by "chat" I mean "sob uncontrollably over the loss of Tom Brady."

8 Dubious race
A Colts player was arrested Wednesday, which got me thinking: The Indy 500 could describe the number of pro athletes in legal trouble there.

9 Cue the tumbleweeds
Not to be outdone by fellow U.S. cyclist Lance Armstrong, Floyd Landis is planning a comeback. OK. Move along. Nothing to see here.

FIVE COMEBACKS
... that weren't really necessary.
- Dennis Rodman (the second time)
- Rex Grossman
- Scottie Pippen
- Skinny jeans
- Britney Spears

Rod & reeling

Rod Blagojevich may be our governor, but he's no hockey mom. ... Or is he? Sign up at **redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive**.

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1 Compare the state of the Cubs or White Sox to the presidential campaign.	Both could use a trashy Alaskan hockey mom to turn things around.	Both are making me sick to my stomach at the moment.	Piniella is the "pig;" a World Series win is the "lipstick."	They all have vices that could bring them down? Uh, here comes the Secret Service ...	After first inspiring, they're now fighting off rednecks. As for the Cubs and Sox ...
2 How is Lance Armstrong's comeback different from Floyd Landis' comeback?	To put it in cycling terms, fewer ball bearings in the bottom bracket.	Wake me when this question's over.	Lance could bring rubber bracelets back. Landis could bring steel bracelets back.	Landis can't talk about his comeback without his attorneys present.	There's definitely more Sheryl Crow involvement in this one.
3 What should a pro athlete do when he or she is "tired of being ridiculed"?	Paging Rex Grossman.	Pack up your bourbon and hookers and go on a nice, relaxing vacation.	Offer a comeback or get slammed.	Certainly don't get your mom involved. That got Leo shoved into many a locker.	Request a trade to Philly, where fans are quick with a smile and a billy club.
4 Were there any side effects Wednesday from the particle collider?	Yes, a couple of the particles were placed on the DL with sprained quarks.	I'm not sure. Let me ask my second head.	Blindness in one eye, severe tremors and palpitations followed by soft weeping.	I'm not saying it traveled back through space/time, but, um ... Tom Brady.	Taking into account that it didn't self-destruct, the Cubs no longer want a trade.
5 What will be the plot of a rom-com about NHL star/Vogue intern Sean Avery?	He beats the Wes Welker out of Dane Cook for 90 minutes.	Love blossoms when a hockey player and meth addict have to share the same dentures.	Like "Cocktail." Avery is T-Cruise, M-Kors is the cougar, a foam finger is the blender.	Two hours of stick and puck references, courtesy of director Judd Apatow.	Lots of fashion and missing teeth. The Phil Thompson special, ladies and gentlemen.

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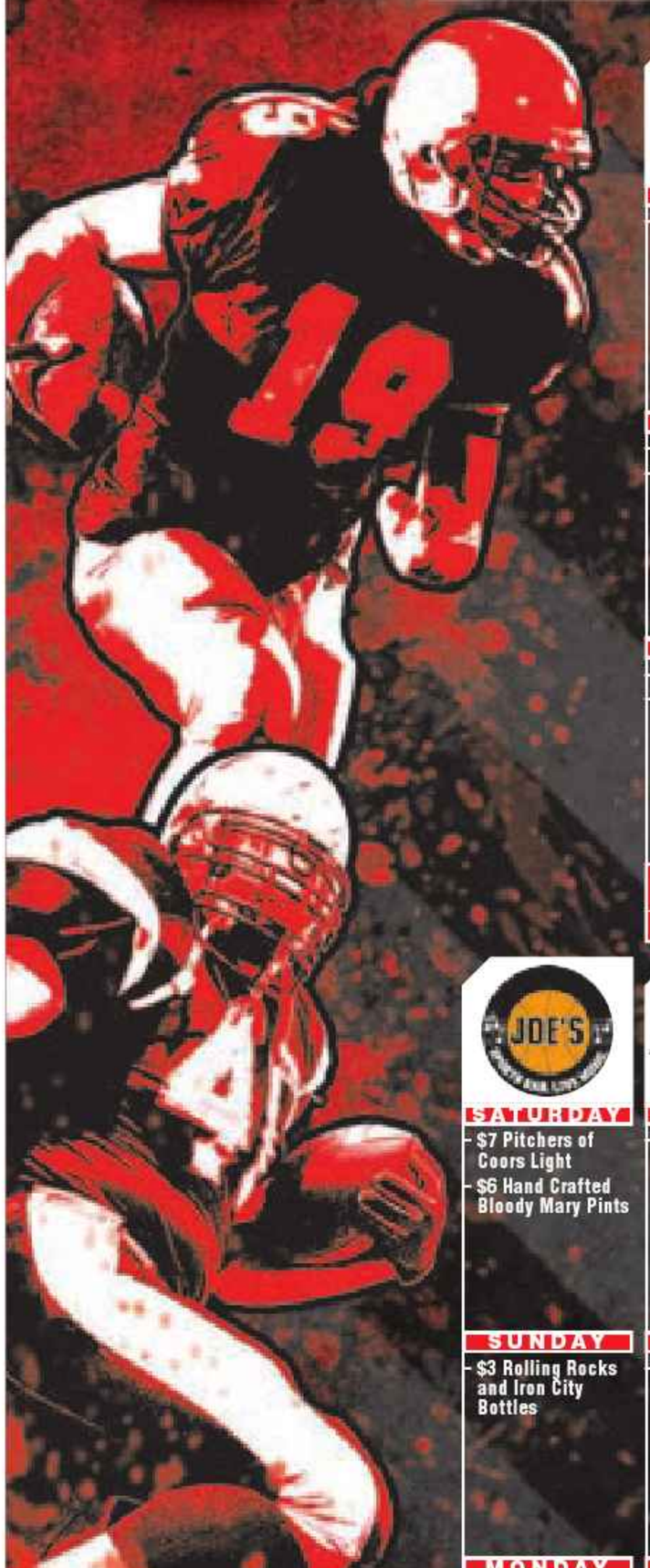

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SUNDAY
- $6 Ketel One Bloody Mary's
- $5 Ketel One Screwdrivers
- $5 Mimosas
- 6/$15 Buckets of Coors Light
- 25¢ Wings

MONDAY
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- $15 Great Lakes Microbrew Mix Buckets
- $5 Absolut Bloody Marys
- $5 Brunch Menu until 2 pm

MONDAY
*Only when Bears or Browns play:
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- $10 32-ounce Miller Lite Browns Mugs, $6 Refills
- $15 Great Lakes Mixed Buckets
- 25¢ Buffalo Wings

3660 N. Clark
773.755.4444

Central

SATURDAY
- $10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
- $3 Coors Lt Drafts
- $3 Bloody Mary's
- $3 Mimosas

**Specials not valid during Cubs home games*

SUNDAY
- $10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
- $3 Miller Lt Drafts
- $3 Bloody Mary's
- $3 Mimosas
- $3 Bombs

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MONDAY
- $3 Burgers
- $3 Chicken Caeser Wraps
- $2 Miller Lite Bottles/Drafts
- $3 Bombs

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3466 N. Clark
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- 1/2 Price Pizza
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- Coors Light Pitchers, $10
- Domestic Buckets, 5 /$11

SUNDAY
- 1/2 Price Pizza
- Summit Oatmeal Stout Pitchers, $9
- Coors Light Pitchers, $10
- Domestic Buckets, 5 /$11

MONDAY
- 1/2 Price Appetizers
- Summit Oatmeal Stout Pitchers, $9
- Coors Light Pitchers, $10
- Domestic Buckets, 5 /$11

2200 W. Lawrence
773.275.2020

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SATURDAY
- $15 Call Cocktail mini pitchers
- $6.75 40oz beers

SUNDAY
- $2 Miller Lite drafts
- $3 SoCo lime shots
- $5 Bombs
- $5 Jack
- Free Food buffet

MONDAY
- $1 domestic drafts
- $3 Effen cocktails

950 W. Wolfram
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SUNDAY
- $6 Build your own Ketel One Bloody Marys

MONDAY
- $3 domestics
- $4 imports
- $10 pitchers of Sangria and Margaritas

1645 W. Cortland
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Joe's

SATURDAY
- $7 Pitchers of Coors Light
- $6 Hand Crafted Bloody Mary Pints

SUNDAY
- $3 Rolling Rocks and Iron City Bottles

MONDAY
- $5 Sauza Frozen Margaritas and Frozen Beam and Cokes

940 W. Weed
312.337.3486

Junior's

SATURDAY
- $3 Red Bull Bombs

SUNDAY
- $3 Miller Lite bottles

MONDAY
- $3 Miller Lite bottles

724 W. Maxwell
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The Kingsman

SATURDAY
- $4 Mimosa's and Bloody Marys

SUNDAY
- $4 Mimosa's and Bloody Marys

MONDAY
- 1/2 priced apps

661 N. Clark
312.335.8121

Lion Head Pub

SATURDAY
- $2.75 Bud Light Drafts
- $2.75 Smirnoff Bloody Marys
- 25¢ Wings til 6pm
- Home of Northwestern

SUNDAY
- $2.50 Miller Lite Drafts
- $2.75 Smirnoff Bloody Marys
- 25¢ Wings til 6pm

MONDAY
- $1.50 Coors Light Drafts
- $6.99 NY Strip Steak

2251 N. Lincoln
773.348.5100

Lodge

SATURDAY
- $10 Coors Light Pitchers
- $6 Miller and Coors 32oz Schooners
- $.25 Wings

SUNDAY
- $4 20oz Miller Lite Drafts
- $5 mini burgers
- $4 Bloody Mary Pints

MONDAY
- $15 Coors Lite Buckets
- $1 Crunchy Tacos

1925 W. Cortland
773.489.0738

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- 11am - 4pm: $19.95 Brunch Buffet includes one bloody mary
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- $4 Jager & O-Bombs

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MONDAY
- $15 Coors Lite Buckets
- $3 Jameson

322 E. Illinois
312.245.8331

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SATURDAY
- Brunch with Mimosa Bar
- $13 Domestic Buckets
- $4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

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- $4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

MONDAY
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- $6.50 Bloody Mary Bar

SUNDAY
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- Brunch from 10am-3pm
- $6.50 Bloody Mary Bar

MONDAY
- $1 Tacos
- $2 Landsharks
- $3 Coronas

950 W. Webster
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Mickey's

SATURDAY
- $4 22oz. Bud Light Drafts
- $5 Bombs

SUNDAY
- $12 Coors/Lite Buckets
- $4 22oz Lite Drafts
- $3 Jameson
- $5 Bombs
- $5 Bloody Bar
- 25¢ wings

MONDAY
- $2 ALL Drafts
- $2 Bacardi Drinks
- $1 Mini Sandwiches

3616 N. Clark
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SATURDAY
- $15 Buckets of Coors light
- $3 Miller lite pints
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SUNDAY
- $2.75 Miller Lt Pints
- $6 Bloody Marys
- $6 Cuervo margaritas, mojitos, raspberry vodka & lemonades
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MONDAY
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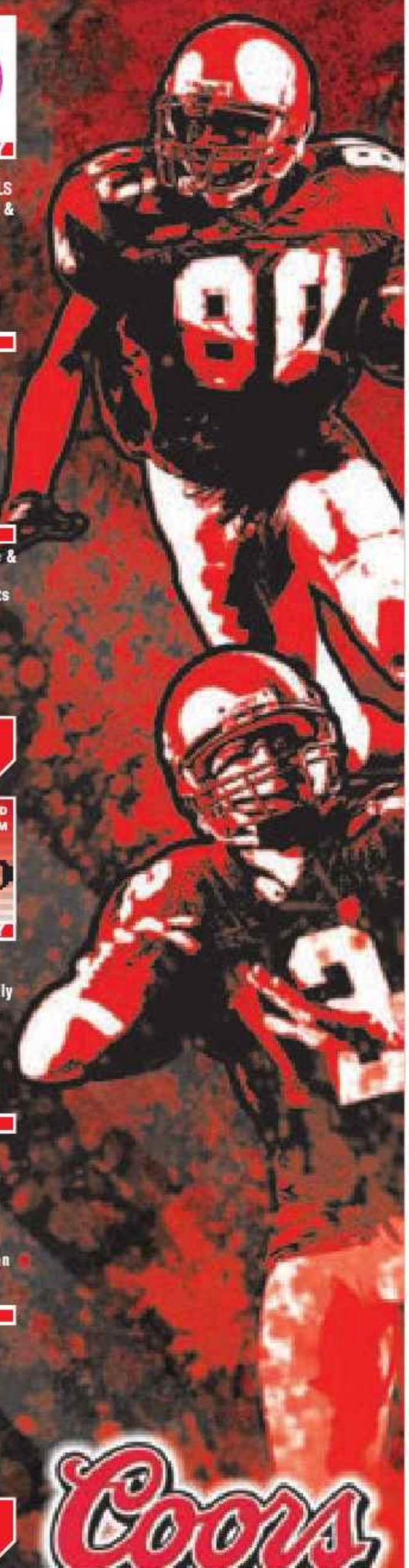

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SUNDAY
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- $3 well drinks

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- Michigan Football, Brunch from 10am-3pm
- $5.50 Bloody Mary Bar

SUNDAY
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- $5.50 Bloody Mary Bar

MONDAY
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- $15 Buckets and $30 Barrels of Corona, Corona Light and Pacifico

DURKIN'S
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SATURDAY
- College Football Feast, $25 Meal Package Includes All Day Cookout & Domestic Drafts from 9am-5pm

SUNDAY
- Steelers Football
- $3 You-call-its

MONDAY
- $3 You-call-its

Finn McCool's Irish Pub
15 W. Division
312.337.4349

SATURDAY
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- $4 Smirnoff Bloody Marys
- 25¢ Wings
- $3.99 1/2 lb. Black Angus Cheeseburger w/Fries til 6pm.
- Home of Michigan St.

SUNDAY
- $3.50 Miller Lite Drafts
- $4 Smirnoff Bloody Marys
- 25¢ Wings
- $3.99 1/2 lb. Black Angus Cheeseburger w/ Fries til 6pm

MONDAY
- $1 Coors Light Drafts
- $6.99 NY Strip Steak

The Grand Central
950 W. Wrightwood
773.832.4000

SATURDAY
- $10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
- $3 Coors Light Drafts
- $3 Bloody Mary's
- $3 Mimosas

SUNDAY
- $10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
- $3 Miller Lite Drafts
- $3 Bloody Mary's
- $3 Mimosas
- $3 Bombs

MONDAY
- $3 Burgers
- $3 Chicken Caeser Wraps
- $2 Miller Lite Bottles/Drafts
- $3 Bombs

Harry Caray's
3551 N. Sheffield
773.327.7800

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- $5.00 Svedka Drinks

SUNDAY
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MONDAY
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MONDAY
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- $4 Jager Bombs

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2051 W. Division
773.394.2066

SATURDAY
- $4 Corona & Corona Light BTLS
- $6 Jumbo Vodka & Bansai energy drink pints

SUNDAY
- $2.50 Bud & Budlight BTLS
- $6 Stoli Bloody Mary's

MONDAY
- $2.50 Miller Lite & Highlife BTLS
- $4 Jameson shots and 25¢ wings

Paddy Long's
RedEye Raid Sun • 12pm
3741 N. Southport
773.975.0600

SATURDAY
- 1/2 off all appetizers
- $3 Jameson shots
- 22oz Bud Light draft ($10 mug, $4 refill)

SUNDAY
- $5 Jumbo Smirnoffs
- $4 Grolsch Bottles
- $4 Alpha King Pints
- $2 Bud Light Pints
- $4 Bloody Mary's
- $5 Dozen Tasty Wings

MONDAY
- Half Price Bottles Wine
- Half Price All Appetizers
- $4 Grolsch Bottles
- $3 Sierra Drafts
- $2 Domestic Cans

The Pony
1028 W. Diversey
773.290.6988

SATURDAY
- $10 pitchers of Coors Light
- $6 Chicken N Waffles

SUNDAY
- $4 20oz Miller Lite Drafts
- $5 Effen Bloody Mary's
- $5 Breakfast Sliders

MONDAY
- $4 20oz Imperial Guinness Draughts
- $15 Buckets of Coors Light
- $8 Meatloaf Stacks

Drink
1638 W. Belmont
773.828.5055

SATURDAY
- $10 buckets of domestic bottles

SUNDAY
- $3 Iron City bottles

MONDAY
- $1 burgers

SUNDAY
- Vikings Football
- Brunch from 11am-3pm
- $15 Buckets of Domestic Btls
- $20 Buckets of Premium Btls

MONDAY
- $3 You-Call-Its

Sedgwick's
3358 N. Sheffield
773.404.2151

SATURDAY
- Wisconsin Football
- $7 32 oz. Badger Mugs
- Brunch from 10am-3pm

SUNDAY
- $20 6-Pack Buckets of Coors & Coors Light
- $5 Bloody Marys
- $4 Illini Mimosas
- $6 Orange Crush Bombs

MONDAY
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- $15 Buckets (5 bottles) Coors & Coors Light
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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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MONDAY
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RedEye Raid Sun • 3:15pm
2483 N. Clark
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SATURDAY
- $15 Call Cocktail mini pitchers
- $6.75 40oz beers

SUNDAY
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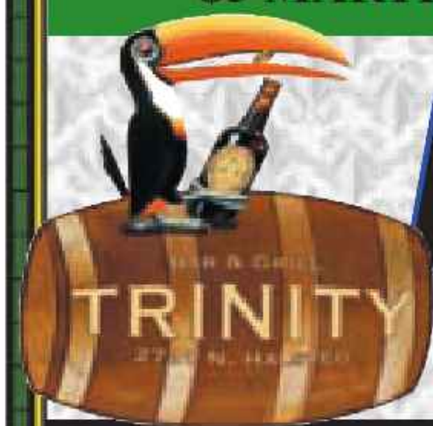

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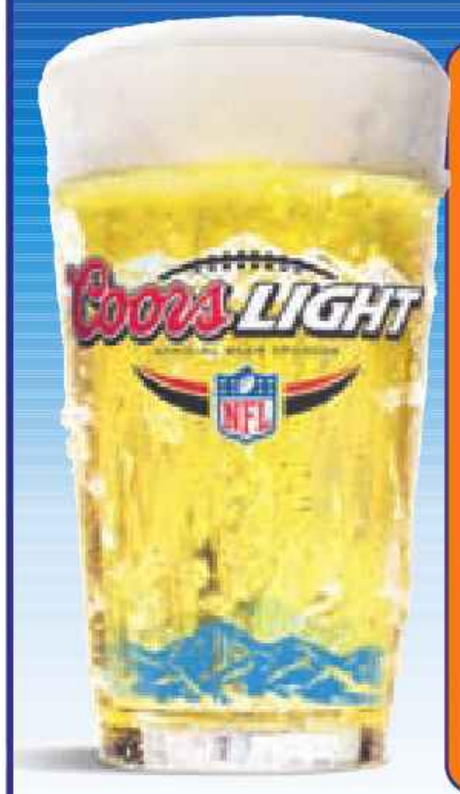

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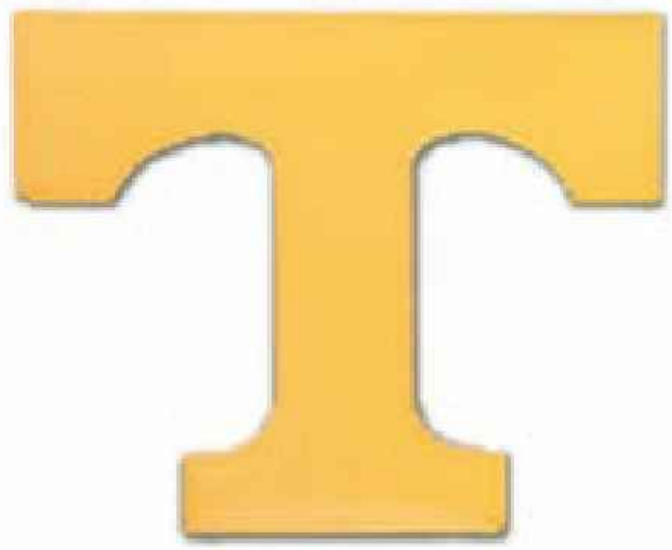

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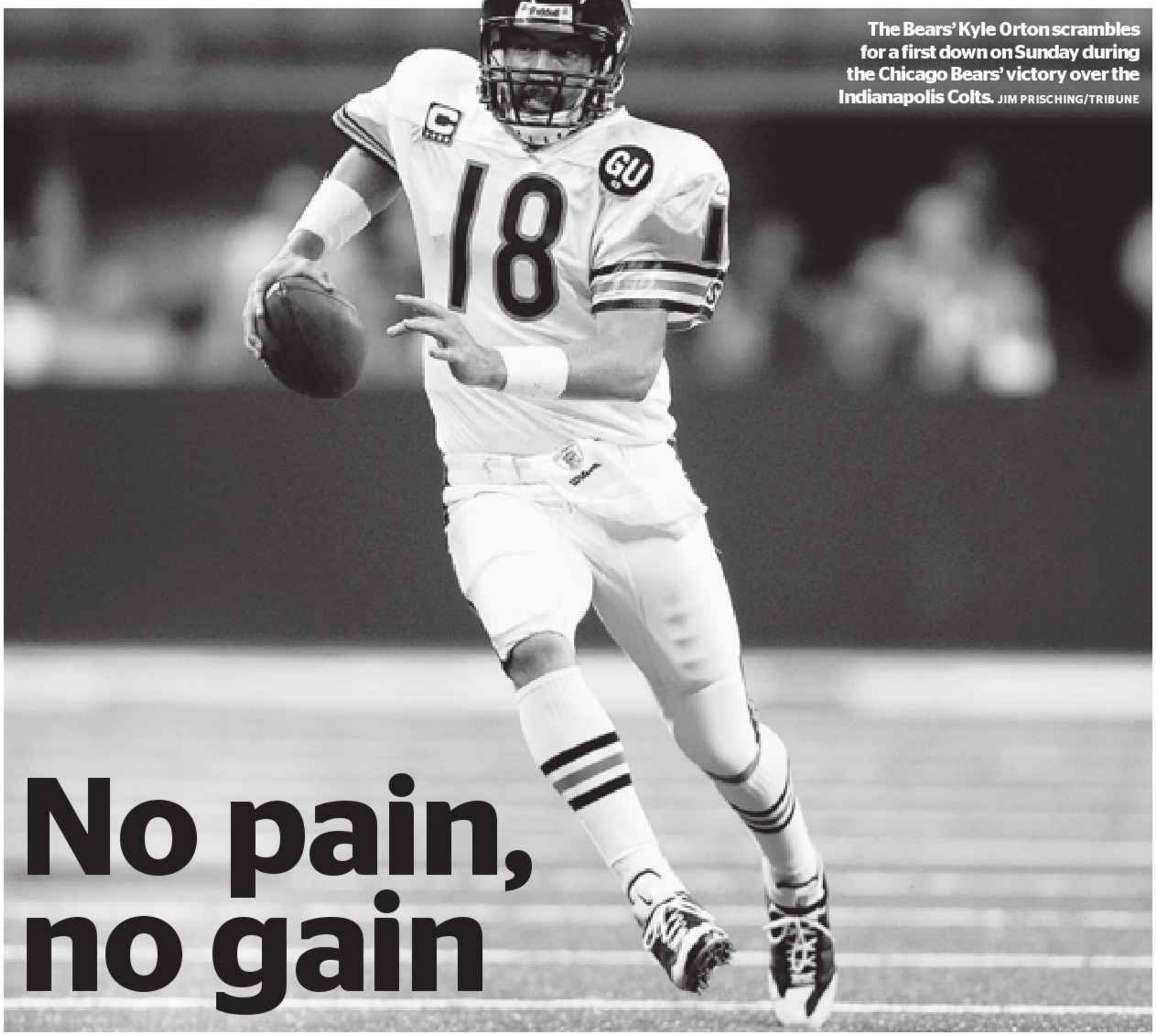

The Bears' Kyle Orton scrambles for a first down on Sunday during the Chicago Bears' victory over the Indianapolis Colts. JIM PRISCHING/TRIBUNE

No pain, no gain

Instinct took over for Kyle Orton.

His receivers were covered, it was third-and-12, and Orton found himself in the unusual position of tucking the ball and running into the open field Sunday night at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Normally this would cue a quarterback such as Orton, not known for his mobility, to slide before a head-hunting tackler could blast him.

But once Orton saw that only a couple of yards were between Colts cornerback Kelvin Hayden and the first-down chains, lowering his shoulder became more important to him than protecting it.

"Obviously, if it's a situation where I can't get a first down, I'll go to the slide, but third down and a chance to pick up three more downs, I'm certainly going to try to pick it up," Orton explained Wednesday. "You can't really think about it when you're doing it. You see the first-down marker and try to get there."

Orton didn't get the first down, but it didn't matter. The 10-yard scramble that set up Robbie Gould's 41-yard field goal didn't even rate as a particularly big play against the Colts, but it might have been one of the most telling for the Bears.

It showed them good things can happen when Orton trusts his gut.

For a quarterback branded in the past as a mere game manager, that is no small development.

"I'm just glad it wasn't 21 (Bob Sanders) tackling him," offensive coordinator Ron Turner said.

Turner ordered Orton to get down more quickly next time. But if the Bears want to continue their September resurgence Sunday at Carolina, Orton again must show faith in his instincts against a defense likely to dare him to throw downfield. There will come a day—perhaps as early as Sunday—when Orton will be asked to win a game rather than simply not lose it.

BEARS HITS

Fred Miller's return to the Bears on Wednesday started on the wrong foot—or ankle, to be precise. The veteran tackle, released after last season, said his right ankle wasn't healthy throughout the 2007 campaign, which might have explained his struggles. "I was probably playing about 40 to 50 percent," he said. Coach Lovie Smith was asked about Miller's self-assessment: "We wouldn't put a guy out there who was [not healthy]. I think we can move on from there."

» Adewale Ogunleye was named the NFC's defensive player of the week after recording three tackles for a loss, including a safety, against the Indianapolis Colts.

Landis
AP FILE

Landis plans comeback

Floyd Landis, the American who won the 2006 Tour de France but then had his title stripped for a positive doping test, is looking to return to a team run by Momentum Sports Group. "... We do not as of yet have a signed contract," team director Mike Tamayo said.

Student body spat

Playboy's October issue features University of Florida student Kelly Carrington on the cover of the annual college edition, which features a spread on the girls of the Big Ten. So why did a UF lady make the cover? "There weren't any girls from the Big Ten who were hot enough to be on the cover," she told the Gainesville Sun. Ouch.

Mom to Young's rescue

Embattled Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young got some backup Wednesday—from his mom. She told The Tennessean that Young was tired of all the negativity and the boos. Felicia Young said her son needed people to give him space and to pray for him. "It is hard, all he is going through right now. He's hurting inside and out," she said.

HOMETOWN HITS

CYCLING

Lemont's Christian Vande Velde won Wednesday's time trial and grabbed the overall lead after the third stage of the Tour of Missouri. Vande Velde, riding for Garmin-Chipotle, completed the hilly 18-mile course in windy conditions in 39 minutes 51 seconds.

RADIO

For the first time in the history of The Score (670-AM), the weekly baseball show "Hit-And-Run" will air on a Sunday morning when there is also a Bears game scheduled. Steve Stone will serve as a co-host with Jesse Rogers and fill in for vacationing George Ofman.

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Mole masters

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day any day with mole at one of these new spots

By M. Kathleen Pratt

With Mexican Independence Day (Sept. 16) just around the corner, we couldn't think of a better time to check in with two new-in-2008 places serving one of Mexico's most festive foods: mole. Complex sauces requiring hours of prep time, moles aren't typical weeknight fare, but these spots are working hard so you can celebrate with one any time.

Real Tenochtitlan

2451 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-1050

The chef: Geno Bahena, Chicago's reigning mole master. The guy's been around town for years, darting in and out of the culinary scene since he made a name for himself in Rick Bayless' kitchens in the late '80s and '90s.

The back story: Bahena's had his hand in a lot of places, some more successful than others. His longest-running, best-known spots were River North's Chilpancingo and the mole-focused Ixcapuzalco in Logan Square. Last month, he got back to moles—and Logan Square—with Real Tenochtitlan. It's neither as grand as Chilpancingo nor as homey as Ixcapuzalco, but we think this new BYOB shows at least as much promise as any of his past ventures.

The moles: Bahena works from family recipes, as well as recipes he's collected over years of travels in his native Mexico. His menu always features two moles—mole blanco and mole de Teloloapan are the moles of the moment—plus one mole of the day from a rotating roster that covers the seven classic moles from the Mexican state of Oaxaca.

Don't miss: Mole poblano, a sauce from Puebla that incorporates 30 ingredients, including a bit of Mexican chocolate. You can order it Saturdays with chicken, duck or quail; we recommend duck.

Independence Day: Throughout September, get Bahena's take on *chiles en nogada* ($21), a stuffed pepper dish traditionally served on Mexican Independence Day. The ingredients—green pepper and salad, white sauce and crimson pomegranate seeds—are meant to evoke the colors of the Mexican flag. Bahena's also doing a mole "flag" ($30), a trio of green, red and whites moles served side by side.

Mixteco Grill

1601 W. Montrose Ave. 773-868-1601

The chef: Raul Arreola, an 11-year Topolobampo vet who went on to Bahena's Chilpancingo, then to seafood-focused Mexican spot Fonda del Mar. His partner is sous chef Rodolfo Neri, who's been working with moles for nearly 15 years.

The back story: Arreola and Neri worked together under Bayless, then at Chilpancingo and Fonda del Mar. Wherever Arreola went, he brought Neri with him. In May, they opened Mixteco. The one-room Lakeview BYOB with an open kitchen has been packed since Day One.

The moles: Though Arreola professes a deep love for Oaxacan food, the mole recipes are mostly Neri's. Mixteco's menu, which changes monthly, always features four moles: negro, roja, verde and manchamanteles. The tangy mole verde, typically served with Arreola's amazing wood-fired fish, is a must-try. Slightly sweet and fruity, mole manchamanteles is traditionally reserved for very special occasions like weddings. Mixteco's always-available version incorporates apples, pears, plantains, pineapples and other fruits.

Don't miss: Arreola's favorite, mole negro, a dark sauce made with a complex blend of toasted spices that give it a deep, smoky flavor.

Independence Day: Arreola's serving up his version of the traditional *chiles en nogada* ($16) through Mexican Independence Day.

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Festival de La Villita

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BY JULIA BORCHERTS
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Reel Chicago

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The Original Mother's, 26 W. Division St. 312-642-7251.

See mini-masterpieces by local filmmakers at the opening night of the **Chicago International REEL Shorts Festival**. On the bill: screenings of Michael Smith's "Home Cooked Meal," the story of a man's attempts to make his ex-girlfriend jealous; "Tighty Whiteys," Ryan Taylor's music video about (you guessed it) underpants; and nearly a dozen more. 8 p.m. $5. Fest continues through Sunday. Full schedule: **projectchicago.com**

Quips and giggles

Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway 773-472-3492.

Has the recent drop in temps left your sense of humor under the weather? Get a dose of the good stuff when New York-based comic **Jamie Kilstein** (as seen on BBC's "The World Stands Up" and Comedy Central) performs a socio-political set. 10:30 p.m. Through Saturday. $15-$20.

Your right to party

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26th Street and Kostner Avenue, 2600 S. Kostner Ave. 773-868-3010.

Toast Mexican independence (and your own freedom to party this weekend) at the 19th annual **Festival de La Villita**, featuring live music, traditional eats, arts and crafts, and more. Friday's music lineup includes Azul De Noche, Benjamin Anaya y Los Extranos Unidos, Diosas de Cristal, Banda Jalisciense and R-7. 6 p.m. Through Sunday.

Dally in the alley

sat 13

Granville and Glenwood Avenues, 6200 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-761-1782.

Taking a wrong turn may lead to the right party this weekend. That is, if the **Edgewater GRalley** is your destination. The new fair takes place in the alleys and public spaces along Granville Avenue (get it?) and features live music on two stages, a pig-roasting contest, beer tents, a "green" pavilion, food vendors and a courtyard "sports bar." Admission price gets you a pork sandwich (a vegetarian option is available). Noon. $5-$10 donation benefits community programs at St. Gertrude's Parish.

Fire-eaters

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Plaza Garibaldi, 2600 S. California Ave. 773-561-9500.

It's getting chilly outdoors, but that's no problem for the so-called "gustatory athletes" competing in the second annual **"Feel the Heat" Jalapeno Eating Championship Challenge**. Watch as competitors throw caution to the wind and vie for cash prizes. 3 p.m.

THURSDAY FREEBIE

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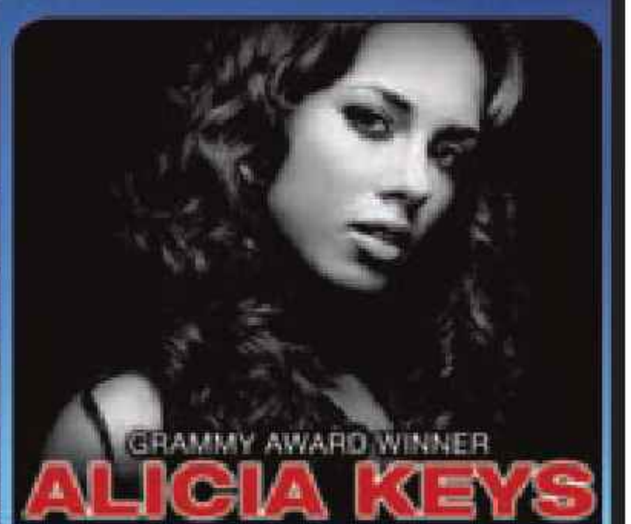
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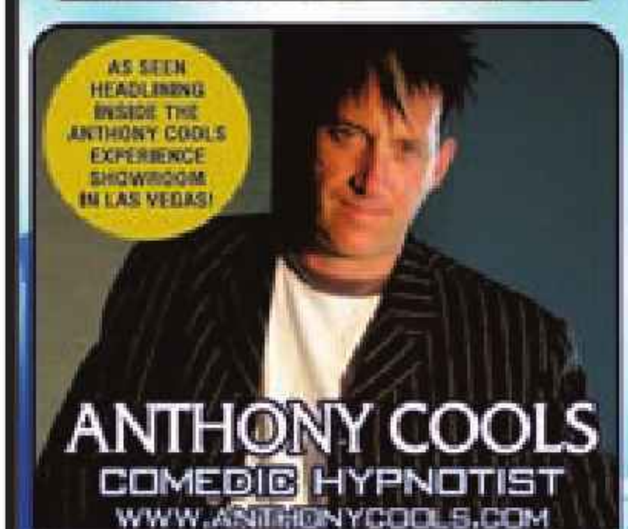
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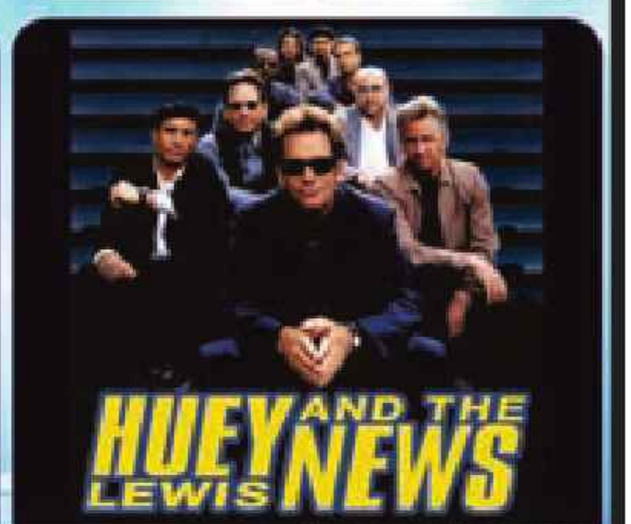
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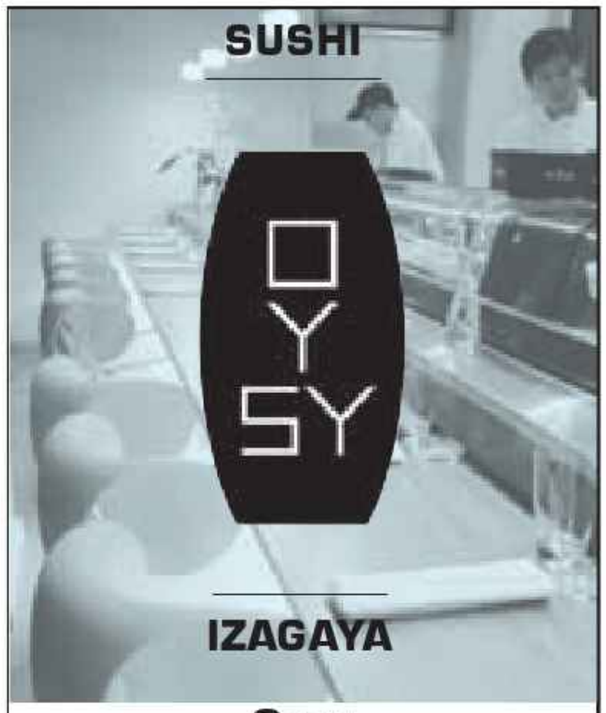

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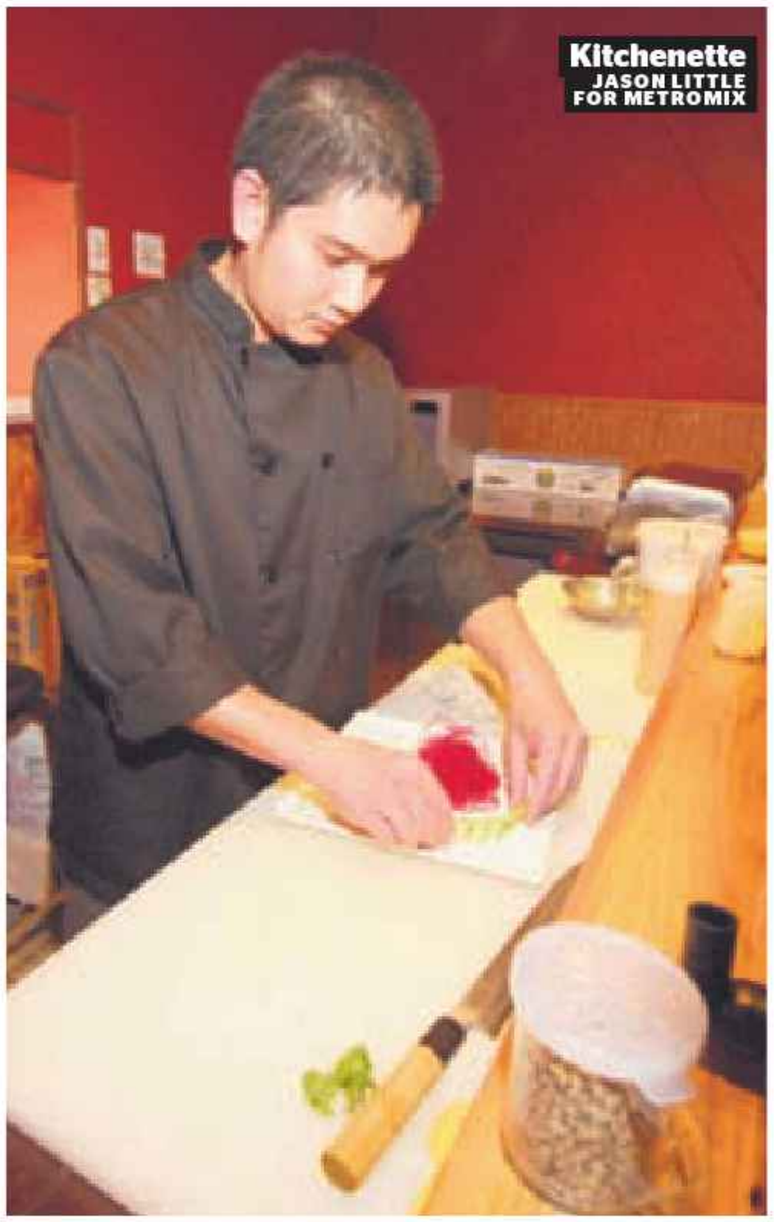

Kitchenette
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

Kitchenette confidential

By Emily Hiser Lobdell

The spot: You want noodles. He wants nigiri. However, you can agree on something: You're not about to drop more than $20 on an overpriced bottle of wine. West Lakeview spot Kitchenette solves the debate with a BYOB policy and an extensive menu of sushi and Thai dishes. Not convinced a place can do both well? Thailand-born owner Chanin Visalsawadi is eager to surprise you. Some of the creative maki served in his minimalist, red and orange-hued dining room can turn heads—try the volcano roll ($10), which combines smoked salmon, shrimp, crab stick, jalapeno, tobiko, unagi, cream cheese and spicy mayo in one tempura-battered, deep-fried package. There's standard maki, nigiri and sashimi too, all reasonably priced at $2-$7 per piece or roll. Typical Thai dishes round out the menu, including a rich, fragrant, panang curry with chicken, beef, tofu or vegetables ($6.95). On Sundays and Mondays, the $19.99 all-you-can-eat sushi special is a big draw.

The bottle: Just a few blocks from Kitchenette, you'll find quaint neighborhood wine shop **Que Syrah** (3726 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-8888). In the under-$20 range, Que Syrah manager Don Hupp recommends a bottle of Allan Scott riesling ($17.95). The intense Marlborough, New Zealand, wine provides a sweet (but not too sweet) and citrusy balance for spicy Thai food. If your game plan involves sushi, opt for a bottle of Steel Creek pinot noir ($14.95) from Monterey, Calif. Hupp says the smoky red with raspberry, black cherry and plum notes is perfect with tuna or salmon. Kitchenette does not charge a corkage fee.

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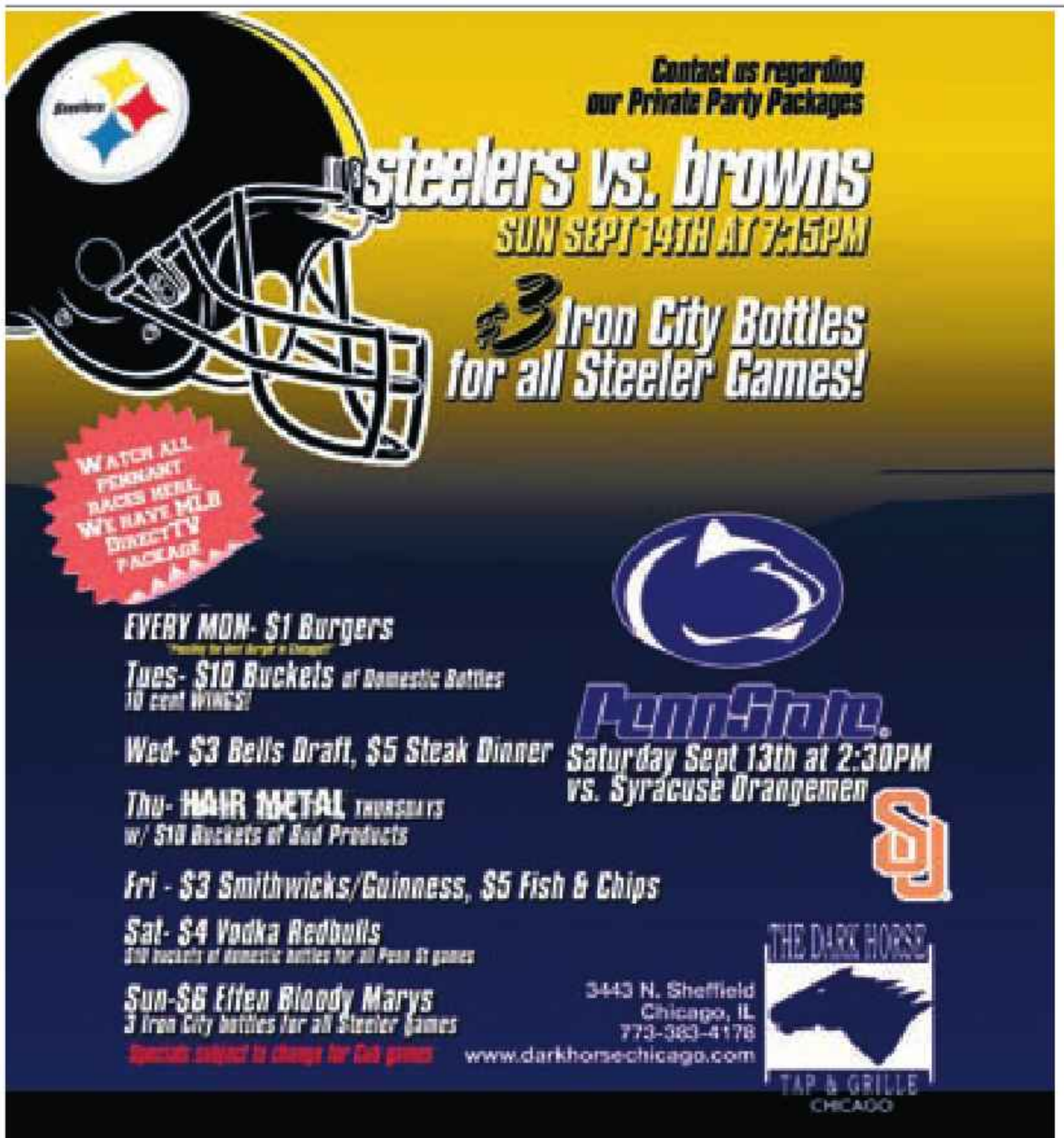

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9 p.m. Free. Pops for Champagne, 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677.

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5 p.m. $5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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10 p.m. $6. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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Band can't stop writing, even as first CD nears completion

By Michael Schmitt
FOR REDEYE

Bully in the Hallway is a songwriting machine.

"We've always been really quick at writing," said the band's vocalist and guitarist Billy Kenefick—a subtle statement if there ever was one. By the time Bully in the Hallway neared completion of its first studio album, the band had written enough songs for a second.

The band's roots stretch back to high school, when Kenefick played in bands with bassist Aaron Levinsky and drummer Matthew Jannotta. Years later, Kenefick brought his old friends together with guitarist Matthew Kennedy and songwriter Matthew Simon to form Bully in the Hallway. Once together, they turned to their first task: creating original music.

Bully in the Hallway's organic songwriting process begins with what Kenefick calls Simon's "plethora of poetry," which is then adapted to music acoustically before blossoming into a complete song with the full band's contributions. This method results in an eclectic collection, as each member brings his own musical background to the table. Jazz, folk, jam rock, reggae, classic rock and punk are all represented.

Even after heading into the studio back in December, Bully in the Hallway never stopped crafting new tunes, to the point that they now have 10 new songs besides those on the nearly completed album.

"For us, the songs on the album are old," Kenefick said. "But to everyone else, they're new songs, and I think they're going to like them a lot."

After spending nine months in the studio, Bully in the Hallway has no intention of rushing to finish their first album, which they're currently mastering.

"I don't want this to turn into a three-year album," Kenefick said with a laugh. "But I don't want to rush it. ...

"Believe it or not, though, we want to go back in the studio soon. ... I like the idea of saturation.

"We want to keep putting out music."

That shouldn't be a problem.

Listen to Bully in the Hallway's "The Bored" at **redeyechicago.com/chitunes**.

MICHAEL SCHMITT IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

Bully in the Hallway
When: 9 p.m. Thursday
Where: Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave.

It's full speed ahead for Furman, Harpoons

Chicago Tribune

"They put me in a cage, and they put me on a stage, and they told me I could never go home. ... Big deal, you're gonna be a big, big deal."

Ezra Furman, an Evanston songwriter who turns 22 this month, is the kid growing into a man, and he's feeling scared, exhilarated, sarcastic. "Big deal ... trained seal," he sneers on "Inside the Human Body," the second disc from Furman and his band, the Harpoons.

Ezra Furman and the Harpoons
When: 9 p.m. Friday
Where: Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Andersonville Music Fest, 5500 N. Ashland Ave.

Furman formed the Harpoons while attending Tufts University outside Boston a few years ago. Originally a quartet, they had no big plans other than to play as much as they could between classes and on semester breaks. Then they unexpectedly got signed to the Chicago-based Minty Fresh label after a gig in Evanston two years ago. It took a few weeks to sink in. Were they a "real" band now? Could they actually make a living doing this?

Last year's debut, "Banging Down the Doors," signaled the start of something good, a burst of noise and youthful ardor. It was unfocused, as if Furman were trying to pack every idea he ever had into each song. But whenever the arrangements teetered on collapse, Furman and the band just kept charging ahead.

On the follow-up, the Harpoons are now a trio: Furman plus bassist Job Mukkada and drummer Adam Abrutyn. They're still bashing away, but the stakes are higher. The band all graduated from Tufts last spring and entered the "grown-up" world (Furman majored in English literature). Similarly, the characters in "Inside the Human Body" are growing up, too, and confronting a "planet turning on cruelty." There are stories of invisible dishwashers and faceless boys, of high-stakes confrontations between good and evil, of transcending limits.

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Chicago Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1.	"I Kissed a Girl" Katy Perry	2
2.	"Disturbia" Rihanna	3
3.	"Take a Bow" Rihanna	4
4.	"Closer" Ne-Yo	12
5.	"Forever" Chris Brown	1
6.	"Got Money" Lil Wayne with T-Pain	5
7.	"Viva La Vida" Coldplay	8
8.	"When I Grow Up" Pussycat Dolls	10
9.	"Get Like Me" David Banner	9
10.	"Can't Believe It" T-Pain	16

National Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1.	"I Kissed a Girl" Katy Perry (right)	2
2.	"Disturbia" Rihanna	3
3.	"Closer" Ne-Yo	12
4.	"Take a Bow" Rihanna	5
5.	"Got Money" Lil Wayne with T-Pain	4
6.	"Whatever You Like" T.I.	14
7.	"Forever" Chris Brown	1
8.	"Get Like Me" David Banner	7
9.	"Can't Believe It" T-Pain	17
10.	"A Millie" Lil Wayne	18

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an assumed name in the conduct or transaction of business in this State" as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D08114738 on the 29th day of August, 2008, under the assumed name of One Construction, with place of business located at 3345 Orange Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. The true name and address of owner is Maria Rodriguez, 3345 Orange Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.

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2008 Structure Lining
Contract Bid Number: 09-45

Work on this project includes the cleaning, surface preparation and lining of sewer manholes and valve vaults within the City of Evanston. The above item shall conform to the Request for Bids on file in the Office of the Purchasing Director. The bid document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

The City of Evanston (the City) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all proposers/bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this Notice will be awarded to the successful proposer/bidders without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status or national origin, The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each respondent shall be required to submit with their bid a disclosure of ownership interest statement form in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 15-O-78. Failure to submit such information will result in the disqualification of such bid.

Jewell Jackson
Purchasing and
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The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") is making available for public comment a draft of its Amended Low Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan for CY 2008 & 2009 (the "Plan"). Copies of the Plan may be obtained from our website at www.ihda.org. Written comments are to be directed to the following:

Multifamily Finance
Department
Illinois Housing
Development Authority
401 N. Michigan Ave.,
Suite 700
Chicago, Illinois 60611
ATTN: Shelly J. Tucciarelli

A public hearing on the Plan will be held at the offices of the Authority (at the above address) on Thursday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30th.

In order that adequate arrangements may be made to accommodate attendees, we would greatly appreciate your contacting the Authority at bbeall@ihda.org or 312/836-5303 to advise us as to how many in your party will be attending, and whether special accommodations will be needed; however, such notification is not required for attendance.

DeShana L. Forney
Executive Director
Illinois Housing
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Information Technology Management Services RFP Request

The Village of Oswego, Illinois is accepting requests for proposal (RFP) for IT management services. Bid packages can be received via e-mail by sending a request to Mark A. Pries, Finance Director, Village of Oswego, at mpries@oswegoil.org or by calling 630-554-3618. Bids must be submitted by 11:00 a.m., October, 10, 2008. All guidelines are defined in the RFP package.

Notice is given to Daryl Carl Bengston that a petition for divorce has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, Case No. 07D230527. You have 30 days to petition the court at 5600 Old Orchard Rd, Skokie, IL 60077 847-470-5066. Signed by Petitioner: Martina Charlotte Jonsson

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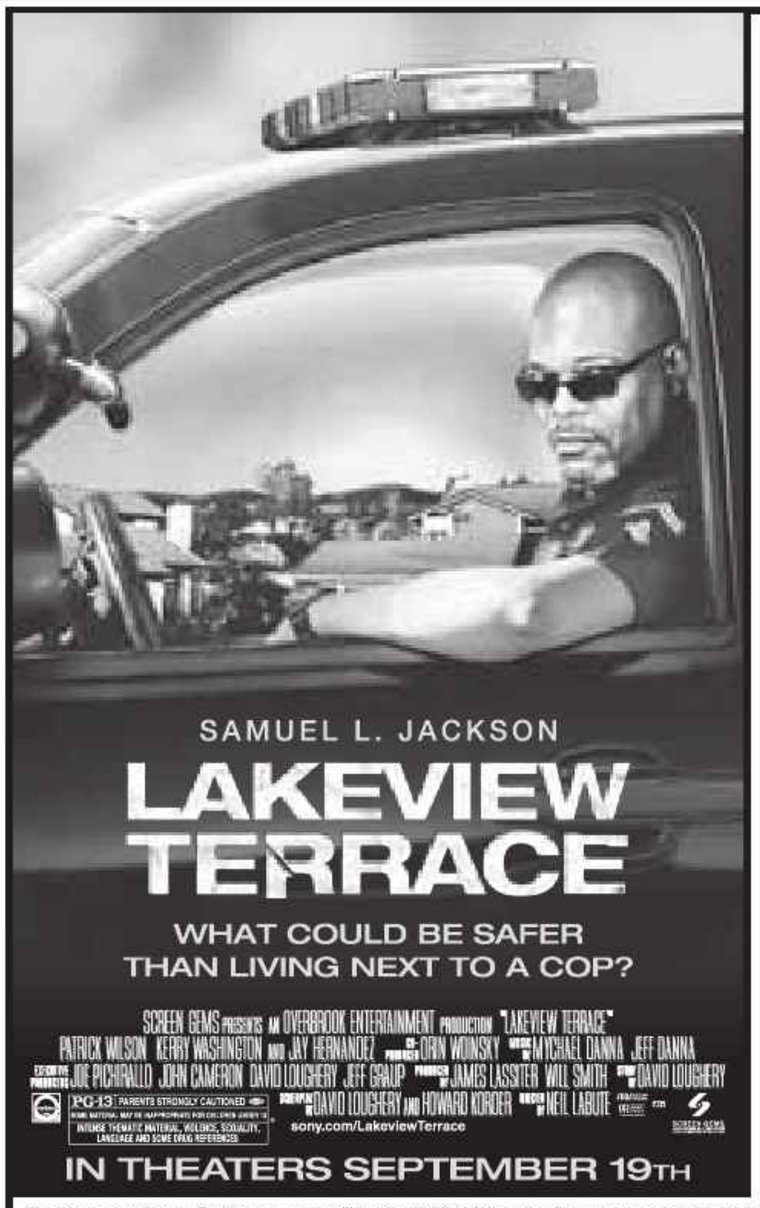

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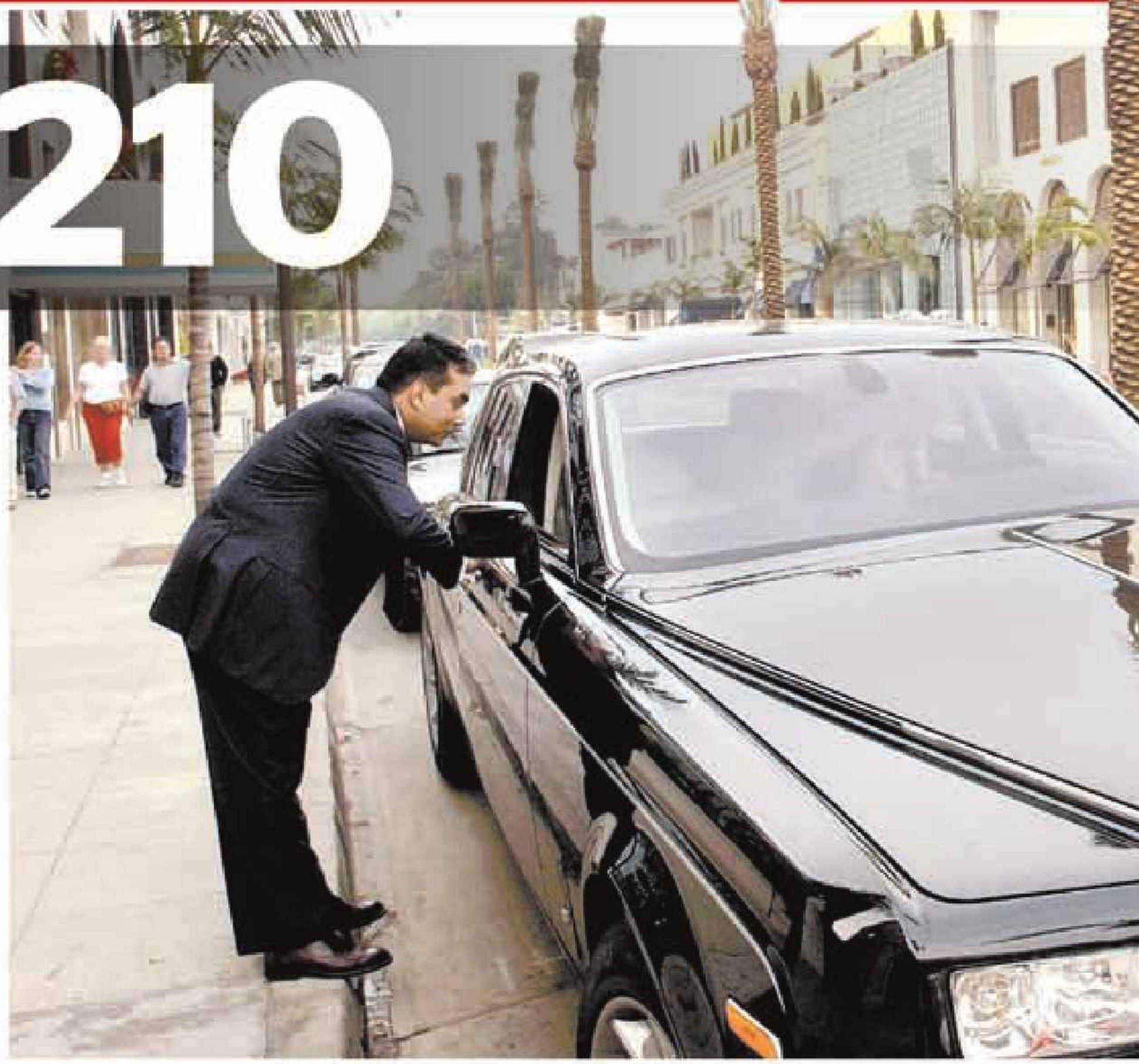

By Andrea Sachs

Lindsay Blake sauntered into the Polo Lounge in the Beverly Hills Hilton. Sitting at the legendary bar, the actress drank only water as she discussed her career, her goals and her obsession with Beverly Hills, on the TV screen and off.

CELEBRITY SPOTTING

Lindsay Blake's blog, I Am Not a Stalker (**iamnotastalker.wordpress.com**), highlights celebrity homes and filming sites, including filming spots of "Beverly Hills, 90210."

"People put Beverly Hills on a pedestal. It has an allure, and 'Beverly Hills, 90210' made it more tangible," said the San Francisco native, referring to the teen soap from the 1990s.

"When I moved to Los Angeles, all I wanted to see was [teen twins] Brenda and Brandon's house. I could die a happy woman after that."

Blake tracked down the site of the central characters' pad (spoiler alert: It's in Altadena) and now runs a blog called I Am Not a Stalker, which documents her quest to uncover celebrity homes and filming locales. She scours Southern California for her trophies but carries a special valentine for 90210, the most famous ZIP code on Earth.

"Beverly Hills represents the rich and famous," she said, "and all of my hopes and dreams."

The 5.7-square-mile city northwest of downtown L.A. has played countless roles in our fantasies, as well as on the big and small screens. The CW network recently debuted its successor drama, "90210."

"In China, they know it. In India, they know it," said Gregg Donovan, the dapper "ambassador" of Beverly Hills, explaining the universality of the ZIP code. "You say '90212,' no one knows it."

Every story you've heard about Beverly Hills is true. The Ferraris and Rolls-Royces, the $10 million spreads and the celebrity sightings are as real as the palm trees lining the wide boulevards.

But contrary to its moneyed reputation and gilded veneer, the city is not elitist.

"The city hired me to make people feel comfortable," said Donovan, who welcomes visitors on the street by shouting out salutations in any of 100 languages. "Some people are intimidated to go into our shops and restaurants, even Subway. They call it the 'Pretty Woman' syndrome. But I make them feel at ease."

It is understandable why one might feel like a bumpkin, or Julia Roberts' ill-dressed working girl. Last year, for example, Coldwell Banker listed Beverly Hills as the most expensive housing market in the U.S., with the median price tag of a home hovering above $2.2 million. And although such mainstream stores as Ann Taylor and Pottery Barn make appearances, Rodeo Drive is the catwalk of couture: Prada, Gucci, Chanel, Dior, Versace.

"People come to Beverly Hills to live their dreams," Mayor Barry Bucker said in an e-mail. "It is the ultimate playground and escape from everyday life."

Now, click your Louboutin heels three times and say ...

Beverly Hills comprises three ZIP codes, but rather than wander off to 90211 or 90212, I stuck it out in the neighborhood first brought to me by Fox.

The postal code's boundaries start up by Britney Spears' house and extend down to the edge of Wilshire Boulevard. From the east, they begin at the western tip of Sunset Boulevard and stretch to the Beverly Hilton, where the Golden Globe awards take place. If you trip over the clusters of paparazzi on Robertson Boulevard, turn around; you've gone too far.

To really appreciate Beverly Hills, you have to see it — and accept it — for what it is: a place of beauty that is not ashamed to say, "I am insanely rich."

ANDREA SACHS WRITES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST.

A luxury car makes a stop on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, Calif. AP FILE

WHAT TO DO:

- Shop Rodeo Drive, of course, or cruise it: The 40-minute Beverly Hills Trolley Tour (**beverlyhills.org/attractions/trolley.asp**; $5) takes visitors around town and into the residential areas to see stars' homes.
- Watch your favorite TV shows including "Beverly Hills, 90210" at the Paley Center for Media (**mtr.org**; $10 suggested donation), which contains a library of 140,000 radio and TV programs and commercials available for viewing or listening.
- To see where the stars live, eat, shop, etc., pick up a Souvenir Star Map (**hotstarmaps.com**; $10), which lists about 500 locations. If you prefer to let someone else drive, take a Movie Stars Home Tour with Starline (**starlinetours.com**; from $34). You could see the homes of Tom Cruise, Angelina Jolie and Marilyn Monroe.
- Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau, **beverlyhillsbehere.com**.

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More ZIP for your trip

The Washington Post

It might be the most recognizable ZIP code in the world, but don't restrict yourself to 90210. Here are other ZIP codes worth visiting in L.A.

Grauman's Chinese Theatre

90068/90028

Hooray for Hollywood. Blockbuster attractions in 90068 include the Hollywood Guinness World of Records, the Hollywood Museum and Max Factor Building, the Hollywood Wax Museum and Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum. In 90028, stargaze at the Hollywood and Highland Center, home of the Academy Awards' Kodak Theater; Grauman's Chinese Theatre; and the Walk of Fame.

Venice Beach

90291

Bodybuilders, surf bunnies, tattoo artists and other characters come to play at Venice Beach. In addition to the sights on Ocean Front Walk, Abbott Kinney Boulevard features a host of ethnic restaurants as well as diverse shopping opportunities, such as the artwork of female artisans at Ten Women and vintage surf collectibles at Surfing Cowboys. Stroll the canals for a flashback to that other Venice.

The Grove

90036

The Fairfax District includes the Grove, an entertainment complex with dining, shopping and special events, and the Farmers Market, with more than 30 eateries preparing meals from around the world. For culture high and low, check out the Page Museum at La Brea Tar Pits, the L.A. County Museum of Art, the Natural History Museum or the Petersen Automotive Museum.

90012

This downtown area is bursting with culture and architecture, including the Music Center complex, comprising the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the Ahmanson Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum and the Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall; the Museum of Contemporary Art; and the art deco Union Station. It is also a crossroads of cultures, encompassing Chinatown, Little Tokyo and Hispanic traditions along Olvera Street and at El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park, a former pueblo.

Echo Park Lake

90026

Echo Park, an up-and-coming area and one of the oldest neighborhoods in L.A., has many personalities. It's sporty, thanks to Dodgers Stadium; outdoorsy, because of Echo Park Lake and its trails and pond with the largest number of lotuses outside Asia; and culinary, with Mexican restaurants and an old-fashioned diner named Brite Spot.

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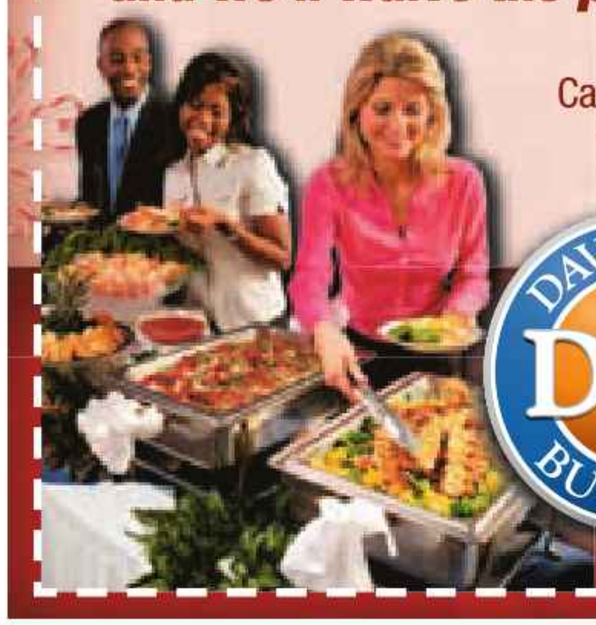

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MINNESOTA
Historic Bluff Country Scenic Byway
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When to go: late September to early October
Color report: explore minnesota.com

States show true colors

In the coming weeks, billions of Midwestern leaves will begin their annual pilgrimage toward death. Good thing for us those deaths are such a ravishing collection of reds, oranges, yellows and colors so stunning they're difficult to name. The state tourism bureau from each Midwestern state suggested spots to view the colors between late September and early November. We offer one pick from each state. CHICAGO TRIBUNE

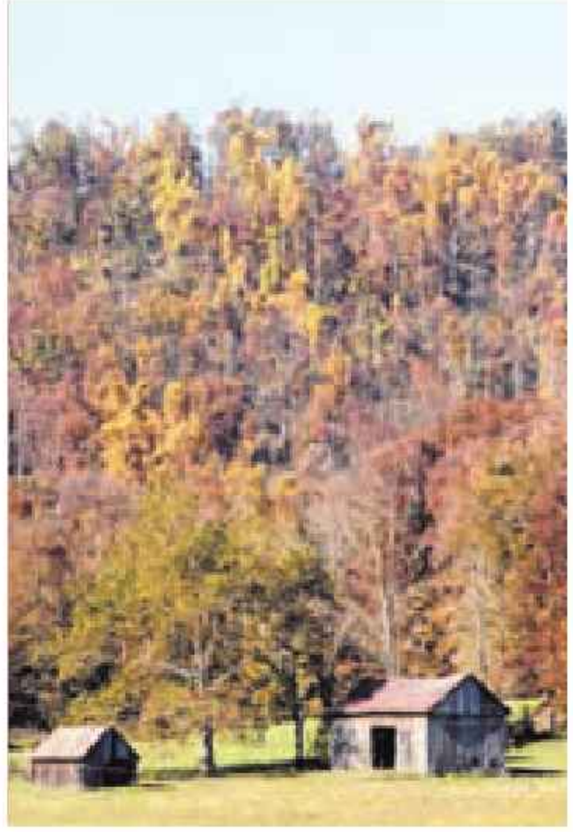
INDIANA
Ft. Harrison State Park
This wooded, hilly 1,700-acre park (**in.gov/dnr/parklake/6715.htm**) in northeast Indianapolis has a golf course, horseback riding, walking and jogging trails, picnic sites, fishing and two national historic districts.
When to go: early to mid-October
Color report: visitindiana.com beginning Monday

MICHIGAN
Alpena
On Michigan's east coast, this town sits on Lake Huron. Officials suggest viewing fall colors while canoeing or kayaking on the lake. Alpena (**alpenacvb.com**) also is home to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (**thunderbay.noaa.gov**), which protects more than 100 shipwrecks in a 448-square-mile area of Lake Huron known as "Shipwreck Alley."
When to go: late September to mid-October

IOWA
The Upper Iowa River
Popular for canoeing, tubing and bass fishing, the river (**inhf.org/upperiowariver.htm**) was named by National Geographic Adventure magazine as one of the top 100 adventures in the U.S.
Best time to go: early to mid-October
Color report: traveliowa.com

MISSOURI
Beer, brats and colors
About 80 miles west of St. Louis sits the Missouri River town of Hermann, and every weekend there in October is its renowned Oktoberfest (**www.hermannmo.info/Octoberfest/oktoberfest.htm**). State officials suggest getting there via Missouri Highways 100 or 94--winding scenic rides through the Missouri River Valley and loaded with trees.
When to go: mid-October
Color report: mdc.mo.gov/nathis/seasons/fall

WISCONSIN
The Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
For an easy trip from Chicago, this 185-acre expanse along Lake Michigan just north of Milwaukee offers 6 miles of trails, a beach and a 60-foot observation tower to take in the colors (**schlitzauduboncenter.com**).
When to go: mid-October
Color report: travelwisconsin.com



ILLINOIS
Shawnee Hills Wine Trail
Located in Jackson and Union Counties in southern Illinois, the wine trail (**shawneewinetrail.com**) is a collection of 10 wineries, restaurants and hotels situated in or near the Shawnee National Forest (**fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee**).
Bonus: Alto Vineyards will host a Fall Color Festival Oct. 11 and 12.
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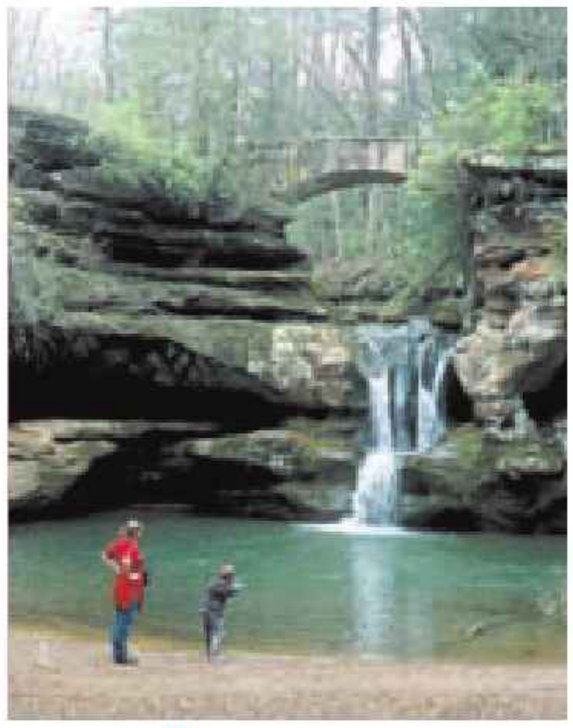
Color report: enjoyillinois.com beginning Monday



OHIO
Zip lining in Hocking Hills
Last spring, two couples opened one of the Midwest's few zip-lining businesses (**hockinghillscanopytours.com**). They have erected a network of 10 zip lines at treetop level, cutting though dense stands of beech, oak, maple and evergreens. Riders zoom through the trees as fast as 35 miles per hour. The zip line is set in Hocking Hills (**hockinghills.com**), a popular hiking, canoeing and kayaking region 45 minutes south of Columbus.
When to go: mid-October
Color report: discoverohio.com in October

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JOANNA GUSTAFSON
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Take a page from the men's style handbook this fall, ladies, by enhancing your closet with masculine blazers and vests. Whether dressed up for the office or down with a ratty T-shirt, these new pieces avoid looking too manly through their nipped-in waists and longer sleeves. Bright colors and stripes, as well as cropped styles, feminize the look. Either way, it's fashion forward and feminine with an edge. FRUGAL FASHIONISTA JOANNA GUSTAFSON IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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BDG Quilted Cord vest
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Royal Striped blazer
$27.80 at Forever21

Test-drive

Tarte lash stain
$18 at Sephora stores and tartecosmetics.com

Tarte's 4 Day Stay lash stain promised four days of wear with zero reapplications, which would get me through a recent trip. Alas, what I got was less than idyllic: It went on clumpy and made my lashes brittle, performing more like an underwhelming mascara than the silky, darkening stain it promised. It did have more staying power than my everyday formula, but not necessarily in a good way and certainly not four days' worth. On Day 2, it started flaking and rubbing off, giving me the look of an insomniac. On Days 3 and 4, it was nowhere to be found. EMILY HEIL, THE WASHINGTON POST

Aromatherapy Interventions candle
$22-$25 at various locations, go to aromatherapyinterventions.com

When I burned Aromatherapy Interventions' Panic Attack soy candle right before a tough-love conversation, I actually felt my nerves release and my throat unclench—though maybe that was because I was kicking back on my couch surrounded by the woodsy scent of frankincense. Even if the whole scent-as-savior angle is a sham, I appreciate the candle's low-temperature burn; it lasts for 50 hours. And it smells nice and not at all like church. The only rub: You can't really let it lull you to sleep, lest you burn down the house. RACHEL MACHACEK, THE WASHINGTON POST

Ecotools recycled bath sponge
$3.49 at Kmart stores

If you're looking for a gentle massage loofah, Ecotools' recycled plastic sponge is not for you. (It's made from plastic bottles.) This hand-held sponge is a strong exfoliant, which means that for some, it's going to feel a little coarse. I used it for a couple of weeks (lathered with peppermint Dr. Bronner's), and my skin was smooth, supple and, dare I say, glowing. The sponge is supposed to last one to three months, but mine started to pill by the third week. Still, at less than four bucks a pop, who cares? RACHEL MACHACEK, THE WASHINGTON POST

SALES CHECK *Sales and events around Chicago*

Scarlet Designs
65 E. Oak St., 2nd floor; 312-421-9010

All prior Scarlet Designs inventory will be liquidated during a sample sale from noon to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. All the old inventory will be priced under $100.

City Soles/Niche
2001 W. North Ave.; 773-489-2001

The store hosts its neighborhood appreciation event Friday and Saturday, with discounts, cocktails, raffles and giveaways.

Under the Wire
2210 S. Halsted St.; 312-733-9350

Discontinued pearl jewelry is 50 percent off starting Friday to make room for owner Sue Rosengard's new Flying Paper Jewelry line, created from discarded maps, sheet music and newsprint. The sale kicks off with a wine and cheese party from 6 to 10 p.m. Prices range from $15 to $45. CHICAGO MAGAZINE

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Sharing high times online with 'BongTV'

By David Sarno

By the time we began the interview, Bong Rip had absorbed quite a bit of THC.

I'd been watching the 30-year-old host of "BongTV," the Web show that features Mr. Rip traveling around Southern California in his '88 Rolls Royce limo, rapping with guests and friends—and smoking more pot than I thought was possible. On screen, he'd made short work of four big joints, demonstrated repeatedly why his name is Bong Rip and otherwise had not gone three minutes without a quick lung full from his glass pipe.

I was surprised he could maintain consciousness, let alone speak. But this is what he does every day—live, on the Internet—from 4:20 p.m. Pacific to 4:20 a.m. Eastern.

"It's like a virtual party, right in your computer," he told me.

"I have over 100 people watching that I take with me in my limousine—they don't make a mess, they don't cause any trouble and they don't smoke my weed."

"BongTV" has a small but dedicated following—Bong Rip calls them the Stoner Army. People watch the show on multi-way video chat services **stickam.com** and **userplane.com**. Because it's live, viewers get to chat, joke and toke with Bong Rip in real time.

Once a largely invisible subculture, the pot community has harnessed online video and social networking to "come out of the grow closet" and into the open. Not to be left out of the Web 2.0 movement, like-minded users (that's "users" in both senses) are taking advantage of the Internet to connect and socialize semi-anonymously.

"These are people who are really looking for a venue to express how much they love it, or love growing it or just like having it around," said Dave Warden, who hosts "The Weed Report," an online video magazine at **theweedreport.com** on which Warden visits L.A. dispensaries, glass galleries and his own home, reviewing oddly named strains of cannabis along the way.

Pot-TV, the leading online cannabis network, is a large repository of videos, including shows, pot documentaries and snippets of "real" TV segments on legalization and politics.

The site is run by Greg "Marijuana Man" Williams and produced by Mark Emery, the publisher of Canada's Cannabis Culture magazine. Williams, who hosts "The Grow Show" on Pot-TV, agreed that the Web has been a watershed for pot culture. "The revolution may not be televised," he quipped, "but it is alive and kicking on YouTube."

DAVID SARNO WRITES FOR THE L.A. TIMES.

WHAT ABOUT THE LAW?

The DEA said that, barring obviously felonious activity like dealing or possession of large amounts, online pot sites are small potatoes. "The DEA's focus is to pursue those traffickers that have the biggest impact. We typically don't go after that level of user," said Special Agent Sarah Pullen.

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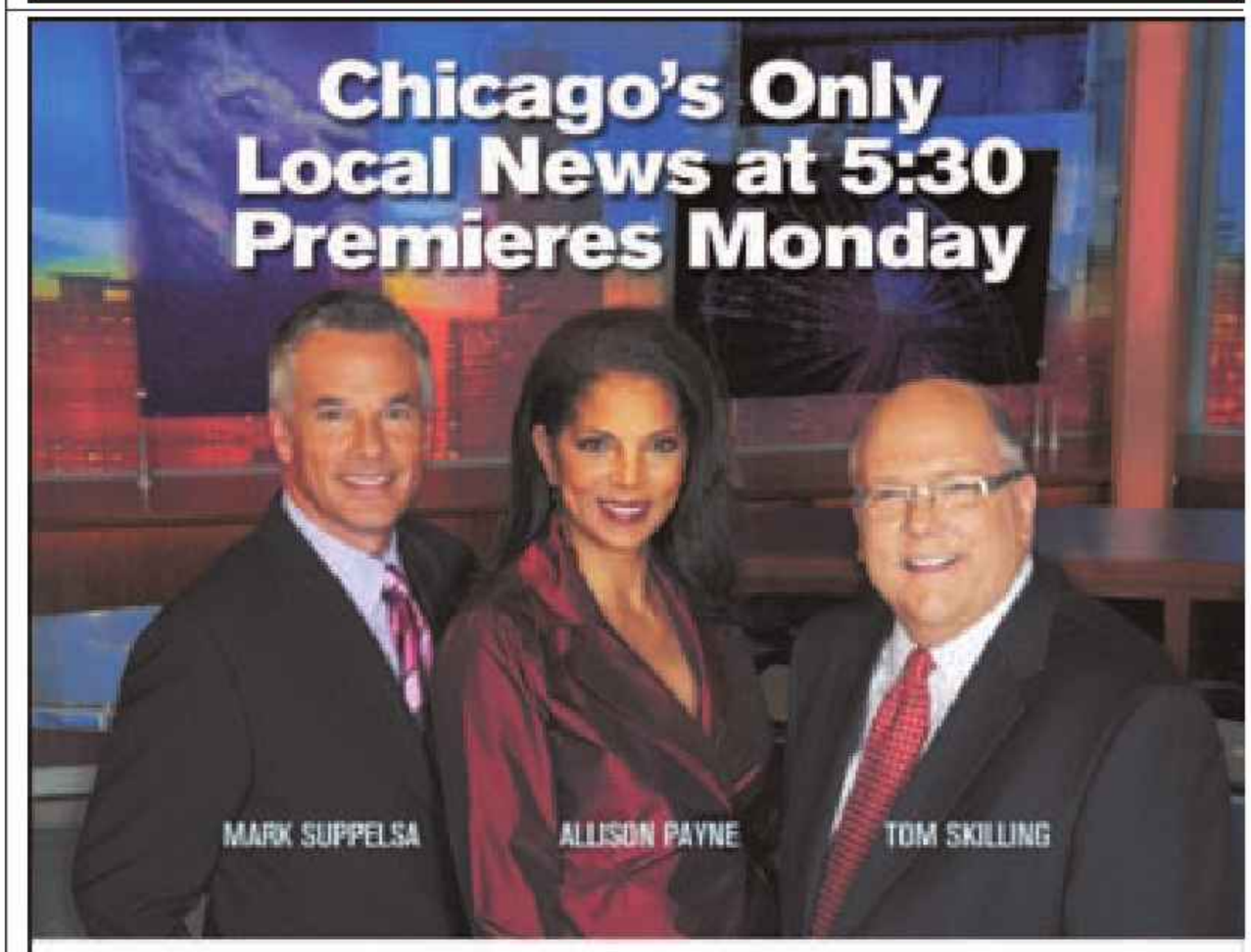

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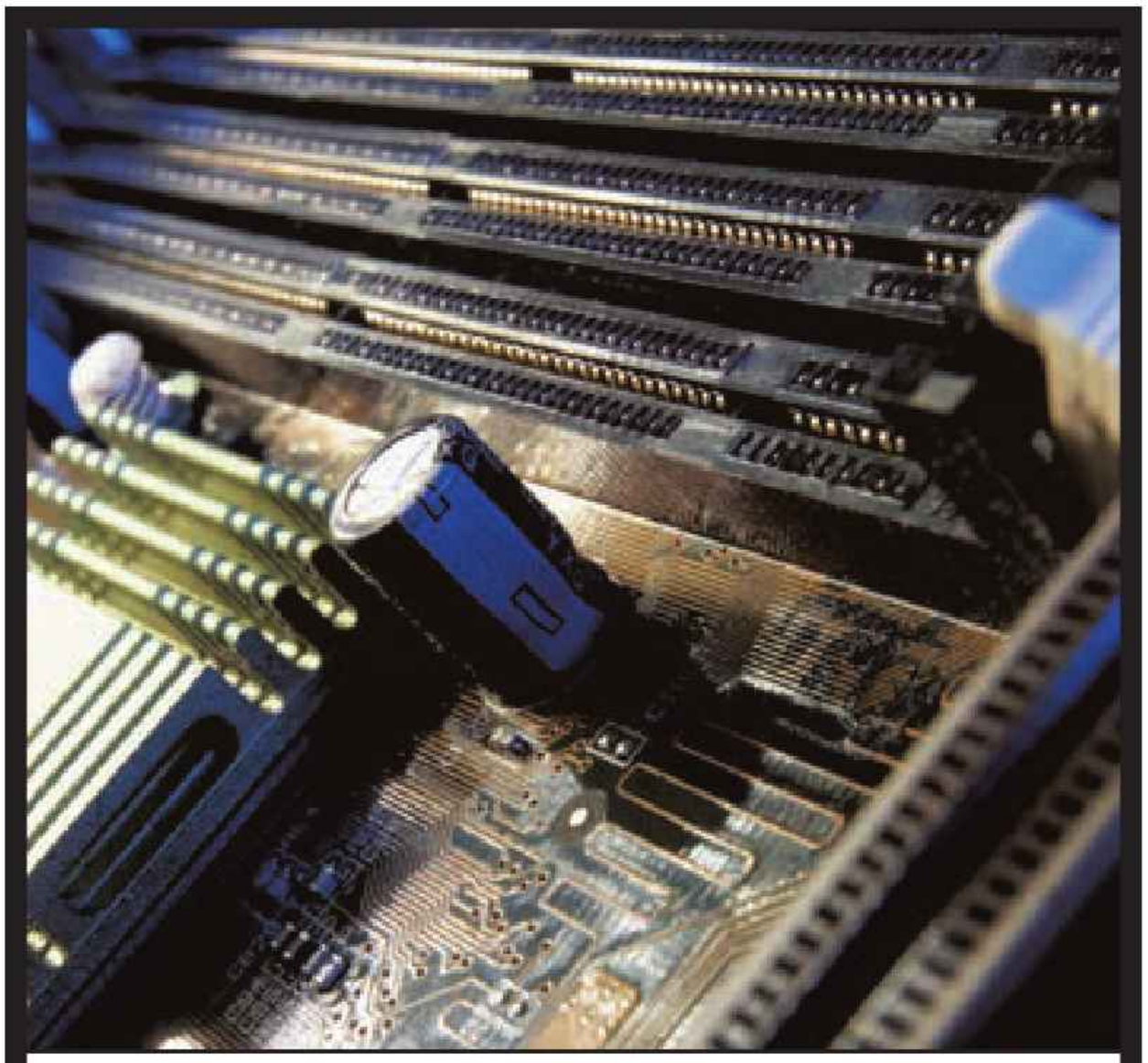

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A decade of rollin' with 'Lebowski'

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Let us now praise the Dude.

That's right, the dubious hero—or is he merely the foil?—of the Coen brothers' loopy 1998 comedy, "The Big Lebowski."

As played by Jeff Bridges, the Dude is a spacey stoner, shuffling through life with his bleary eyes at half-mast. His only passion—well, besides smoking joints and slurping White Russians—is the sport of kings: bowling.

Then because he shares a name (Jeffrey Lebowski) with a domineering millionaire, the Dude is drawn into a spiral of intrigue and violence.

With its murky story line and foul language—"The Big Lebowski" is the London Blitz of the f-bomb—the film fizzled during its initial release, grossing less than $18 million.

But in the years since, it has gained cult status, generating more than $40 million in DVD sales. This week, the enduring popularity of "The Big Lebowski" is being marked with a 10th-anniversary edition ($19.98) loaded with bonus features. A limited-edition version ($34.98) is also available, fittingly packaged as a bowling ball.

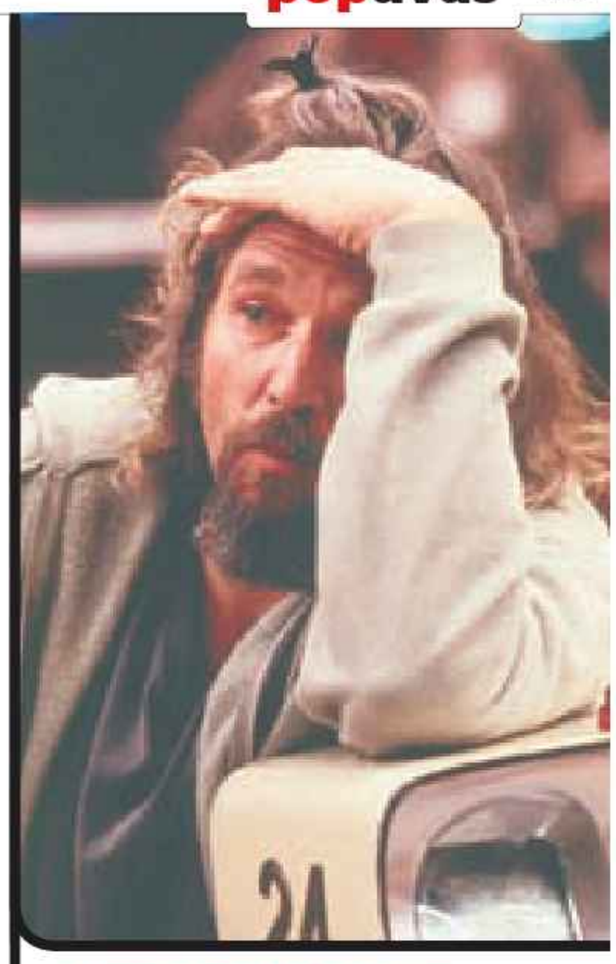
Ethan Coen, who is credited as the film's co-writer along with his director brother, Joel, recalls in one of the bonus interviews that the project was an attempt to saddle a hard-boiled Raymond Chandler-esque detective yarn with a protagonist who was supremely ill-equipped for the job.

Whatever its premise, "The Big Lebowski" is one wild magic-carpet ride, spiced with nihilist porn stars, crazy avant-garde artists, and a dream sequence that takes the form of a lavish Busby Berkeley-style production number set to the music of Kenny Rogers during his brief psychedelic period.

The film hasn't proven to be influential (unless you count this summer's "Pineapple Express"). But it has developed a sizable following, with devoted fans who refer to themselves as "achievers" (after the millionaire Lebowski's charity program for inner-city youths).

In 2002, Will Russell, along with his partner Scott Shuffitt, organized the inaugural Lebowski Fest in Louisville. The concept has blossomed into elaborate two-day theme parties held a couple of times a year in cities from San Francisco to New York.

"It's an amazing film that somehow gets better with each viewing," Russell says. "I've seen it close to 100 times and it still makes me laugh out loud. I can't explain that, but it's true. I'm in love with the characters and the dialogue."



CASTING 'BIG LEBOWSKI'
The Coen brothers repertory company of John Goodman, John Turturro and Steve Buscemi was joined by such stars as Jeff Bridges (above), Julianne Moore, singer Aimee Mann (in a dramatic role), Ben Gazzara and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

>> For information about Lebowski Fests across the country, including the Nov. 15-16 New York festival, go to **lebowskifest.com**.

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Readers sound off on CTA's announcement of gloomy funding forecast

What's the deal, G-Rod?

On the news of the transit funding shortfall: I haven't figured out the motivation for why [Gov. Blagojevich] pulled the last-minute stunt earlier this year, but it only comes off as stupid, stupid, stupid ("Another CTA dilemma," Tuesday news story).

Normal demographics dictate that the cost for this will only go up. Why couldn't he just reduce the fares even more? Now if reduced fares are re-introduced, you'll have people starting to scream bloody murder! Thieves! Depriving the poor! And in the meantime, we're short on transit funds again. Great job, Blag. I'll save you a spot on the boat next to George W. When you step down, I won't miss you at all.

–BRIAN COST, 33, NORTH CENTER

Enough is enough

I am sick and tired of [the] CTA crying like babies about the money they claim they do not have. What were they thinking when they passed out the free rides to the seniors, military and whoever? Why don't [CTA President Ron] Huberman and [Chairman Carole] Brown shave some off their wallets and give back instead of expecting the riders (like myself) to keep giving and giving?

I spend $160 a month on CTA just to wait longer and sometimes walk home from the bus stops because there are no buses. And you think I want to continue to pay for this? I do not, but I am not a driver and have no choice but to take that CTA. I wish they would stop whatever they are doing to keep us riders digging in our purses and wallets.

It seems that they all come in (the presidents of CTA), get a big paycheck yearly, stay for a while, leave with a big fat pension, and we are once again left suffering. Maybe they should think about out-sourcing their business, or maybe some other company should come in and give them some competition. You never know what might happen!

–ALMA KITCHEN, 50, BRONZEVILLE

Dunfee

CTA should cut perks

So giving seniors free rides cost the CTA $30 million? Wow, that's amazing! They must have built special buses and trains that only picked up seniors to make it cost them money. Because if seniors are using the same buses and trains that pick me up, they are using the same amount of gas or electricity they would use if they ran empty, so how does this cost them more?

I believe the intelligence of the CTA should be placed into question, as I am sure they are talking about lost revenue, not increased cost.

Maybe they could save more money if they had two people riding in the CTA SUVs running around (and take away the ones that employees are just parked and sleeping in) rather than give everyone their own car. More and more companies are cutting back on perks to management and executives; maybe the CTA should give it a try.

–MICHAEL DUNFEE, 40, ROGERS PARK

Enough with the rants

I really despise these CTA rants on Page 4 of the RedEye. [Public transportation in Chicago] has been around since the 1800s. They must be doing something correct if it has lasted this long.

–EMILY BOOTH, 25, LAKEVIEW

Simple math

Could it be possible that giving away $30 million in free rides without funding them might hurt the CTA? Duhhh! Is that a trick question? The CTA has long been a dumping ground for state and city politicians. I wonder how many of those job cuts will affect relatives of and connections of these political hacks? Let's check the names of [those] who get canned. The CTA is doomed to fail because of the free rides and do-nothing jobs that politicians don't pay for.

–ROBERT PAUL, 57, JEFFERSON PARK

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- **Death Race** (R) 7:40,10:10
- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:30,4:40
- AMC Select **Bottle Shock** (PG–13) 1:50,4:20,7:00,9:30
- **Mirrors** (R) 2:00,5:15,8:00,10:45
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 2:15,5:00,7:50,10:30
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- **Brideshead Rev** (PG–13) 2:00,5:00,8:00
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- **Disaster Movie** (PG–13) ★ 1:15,4:00,6:30,9:10
- **Traitor** (PG–13) 1:30,4:30,7:10,10:00
- **The House Bunny** (PG–13) 2:50,5:20,7:40,9:55
- **Death Race** (R) (Closed caption) 1:40,4:40,7:30,10:10
- **Fly Me 3-D** (G) 12:45,3:30,6:20,9:00
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:40
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:20,2:00,4:10,4:50,7:20,7:50,9:50,10:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:45,10:15
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 2:15,5:00,8:00,10:40
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:20,2:40,3:40,6:05,7:00,9:20,10:20

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- **Babylon A.D.** (PG–13) 1:05,3:10,5:25,7:30,9:40
- **College** (R) 7:25,9:35
- **Disaster Movie** (PG–13) 2:15,4:15,5:10,6:30,7:40,8:45,9:50
- **Traitor** (PG–13) 1:45,4:20,7:15,9:55
- **Death Race** (R) 1:15,2:20,4:45,6:15,7:20,9:45
- **The House Bunny** (PG–13) 2:10,4:50,7:10,9:25
- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:00,2:05,3:15,4:25,5:30,6:45,7:45,9:05,10:00
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 2:45,5:05
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:50,4:30,7:05,9:50
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 2:00,4:35,7:00,9:20
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 3:35,9:15
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 3:05,6:20,9:30
- **WALL-E** (G) 1:30 P.M.

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- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- **WALL-E** (G) 2:00,4:00,6:00,8:10

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- AMC Select **I.O.U.S.A.** (PG) 3:10,7:30
- AMC Select **Sixty Six** (PG–13) 1:00 P.M.
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- **Babylon A.D.** (PG–13) 2:15,4:45,7:10,10:10
- **College** (R) 4:45,7:05,9:30
- **Traitor** (PG–13) 1:25,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,9:45,10:45
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- **Death Race** (R) 1:05,3:45,6:30,9:15
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- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:15,2:15,4:15,5:15,7:15,8:15,10:15
- AMC Select **Elegy** (R) 1:10,4:00,9:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:35,5:35,8:35
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG–13) 1:40 P.M.
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 3:05 P.M.
- **Step Brothers** (R) 9:50 P.M.
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 1:30,3:30,5:00,6:00,6:50,8:30,9:30,10:10
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG–13) 2:35,5:10,7:50,10:20
- **Journey-Center** (PG) ◆ 5:15,10:10
- **WALL-E** (G) 2:10 P.M.

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- **Babylon A.D.** (PG–13) ★ 2:15,5:10,7:45,10:10
- **College** (R) ★ 1:00,6:50
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- **Sixty Six** (PG–13) ★ 12:50,3:40,6:30,9:40
- **Hamlet 2** (R) 3:50,9:50
- **Traitor** (PG–13) 1:50,4:30,7:20,10:00
- **The House Bunny** (PG–13) 1:40,4:00,6:40,9:30

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- **Mirrors** (R) 3:20,9:10
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:00,12:40,2:40,3:30,5:15,6:10,7:50,9:00,10:40
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- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:40,1:50,3:30,4:40,6:20,7:30,9:10,10:15
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:00,4:50,7:40,10:30
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG–13) 1:30,4:20,7:10,10:00
- **Mamma** (PG–13) 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:40
- **Step Brothers** (R) 2:20,4:45,7:15,9:45
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:20,3:10,3:40,6:30,7:00,9:50,10:20
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG–13) 2:10,5:00,7:50,10:40

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- **Disaster Movie** (PG–13) 1:50,4:20,7:00,9:30
- **Hamlet 2** (R) 12:40,3:30,6:40,9:20
- **Traitor** (PG–13) 1:40,4:30,7:10,10:15
- **The House Bunny** (PG–13) 2:20,5:00,7:30,10:20
- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:10,3:50,6:15,8:50
- **Death Race** (R) 12:50,3:40,6:20,9:00
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- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:20,4:40,7:15,10:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:10,5:10,7:50,10:40
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,6:45,9:55
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 3:10,6:30,9:50

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- **College** (R) ★ 7:45,10:15

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Homosexuals and sports do mix

If you're into that sort of thing, there are plenty of gay bars to catch the game

It's football season. For some people that is very exciting news. Seems like all of my friends and co-workers have been adjusting their schedules for their fantasy football drafts recently.

They have tried to explain the concept to me, but my eyes just glaze over when they get into "owners" and "free agents" and "dynasty leagues." Huh? Although, a "Dynasty" league would have been interesting. Three points every time Alexis Carrington slapped Krystle! Six points whenever someone slept with his best friend's spouse!

I don't totally hate sports. I can get into March Madness—this year I copied my bracket from "CSI: Miami's" Emily Proctor and actually did fairly well—and I was in a summer softball league. But football gives me a headache.

However, just because a man happens to be gay doesn't mean he doesn't like sports. Granted, this homosexual isn't into them that much (except Olympic gymnastics—those men have amazing bodies), but there are many, many gay men and women who live for football.

So if you are a queer fantasy football fiend and want to watch the games at a bar whose name doesn't include the words "Mother" or "Barleycorn," where can you go?

TALK BACK
When have you used a sporting event as an aphrodisiac? E-mail Jason at **redeyesex@tribune.com**. Be sure to include your full name, age and neighborhood.

There actually are several gay sports bars in Chicago. Crew Bar + Grill in Uptown shows up to eight MLB, NFL and college football games at once on their multiple TV screens. That's a bit much for me, but they have a nice food and beer selection to keep me occupied.

If Crew is like your hot, gay college roommate, then North End is your hot, gay college professor. Located at the north end of Halsted Street, it has a much more laid back, neighborhood vibe. It's like the "Cheers" of Boystown, where everybody knows your name. Plus, you can play pool during the commercials—which seem to make up 90 percent of every NFL game.

Halsted's Bar and Grill says it's a sports bar, but every time I've been there, one TV might have a game on while the others have videos of Cher lip-synching.

My friend Dan said he recently went to Halsted's thinking he could watch the Cubs game. He asked the employees if they could turn on the game their reply was, "Girl, we're watching videos." Sorry, Cubs fans. Madonna beats the Cubs every day. Halsted's does have one kick-ass patio. You can chill out there and check scores on your iPhone.

If you want a real sports bar with a beer garden, try Bucks Saloon in the heart of Boystown. I have to admit I've never been in Bucks, but its Web site advertises cheap drinks and sports on the TV. What more can you ask for? Plus they seem rather friendly there. Every time I walk by, someone sitting in the window winks at me. There may be cruising going on there, but at least people are nice about it.

While you might spot me at Crew Bar + Grill or North End tossing back a few, I probably won't be there for fantasy football. The only sporting event that might get me into a bar is the lube wrestling at Hydrate. That definitely stirs up a fantasy.

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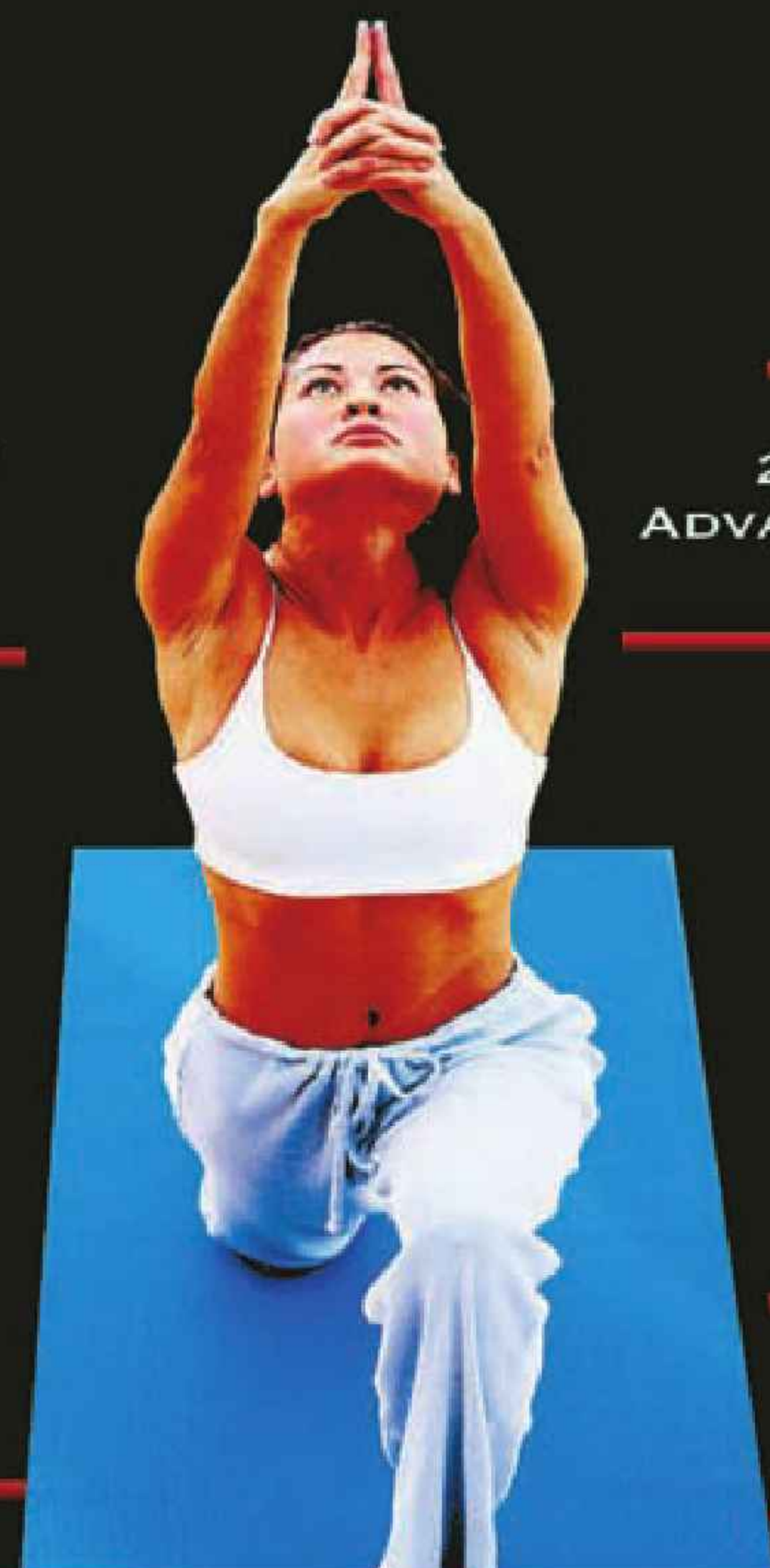

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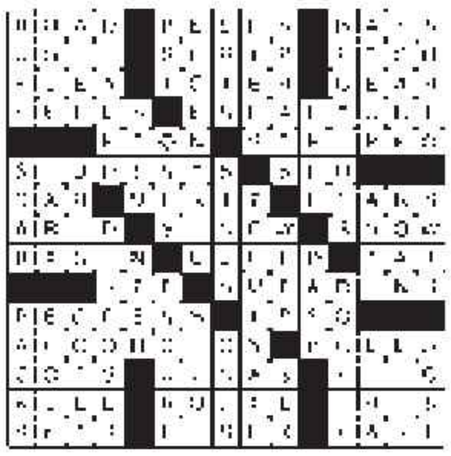

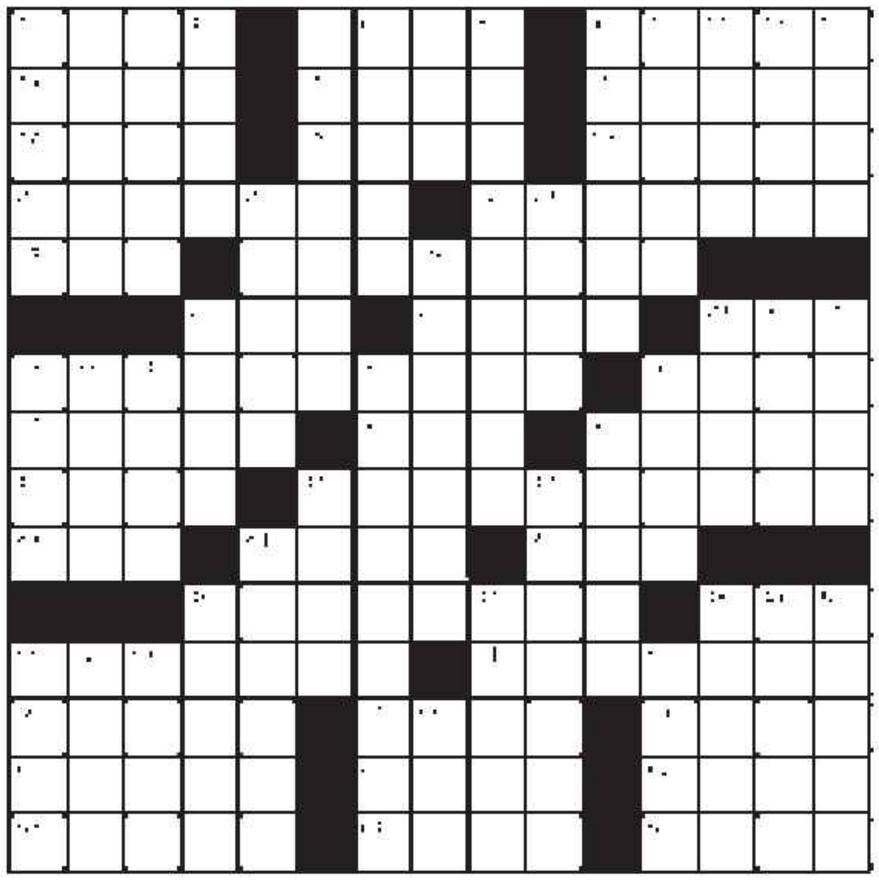

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BY JIM WALSH

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UNDERWOOD VS. SWIFT

Battle of the country belles

Get out your cowboy boots, people, because we're about to get a little bit country. The Country Music Association announced its awards nominations Wednesday, giving Kenny Chesney seven nods (including album of the year), and also throwing pop-culture mainstays Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift into the ring for top honors in the world of country and western music.

Underwood's "Carnival Ride" was among the nominees in the album of the year category, and Swift is up for the female vocalist prize, a category that Underwood is also nominated for and one that she has won the last two years.

Wait, two glamorous starlets are competing for the same trophy? Sounds like perfect timing for another edition of RedEye's Faceoff!

THE RESUME

X — Underwood promotes herself as a shy Oklahoma college student-turned-"American Idol" winner-turned-certified music star. She's also a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

○ — The 18-year-old Swift has been a-singin' since she was a young'n, and last year she nabbed the CMA's Horizon award for up-and-comers.

THE REACTION

○ — "There is nothing more rewarding than to be recognized by your peers and to know your fans are enjoying the same ride," The Associated Press quoted Underwood as saying of her nominations.

X — "I can't believe it!" Swift said Wednesday on "Good Morning America," where she was on hand to announce some of the CMA nominees with Rascal Flatts.

LOVE LIFE

X — Underwood famously used a text message to end things with "Gossip Girl's" Chace Crawford.

○ — Joe Jonas fueled are-they-or-aren't-they rumors when he showed up at one of Swift's concerts over the summer—and there was that hoopla about her introducing his band at the VMAs.

MYSPACE STATE OF MIND

○ — Underwood's personal page seems to be all business: concert listings and a "blog" full of news releases.

X — Swift's page is not dissimilar, but it has that personal touch, like this little nugget: "In my spare time, I like to conduct random baking experiments in my kitchen and write letters to people."

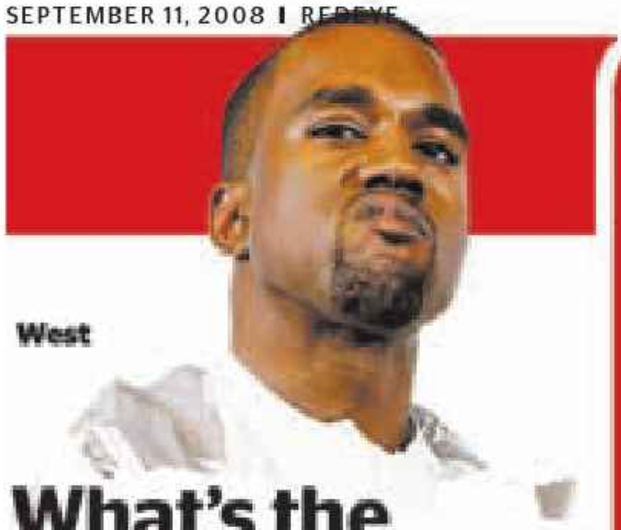
THE FASHION FACTOR

X — Underwood always manages to cause a stir on the red carpet—but she's mostly about the music.

○ — Swift made a splash at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday by serving as a commentator. Typical critique: "Oh my God! I love this! This is so nice!"

THE WINNER: UNDERWOOD

This one was tough, but we gotta hand it to Underwood. While she and Swift both know how to keep our attention, Carrie's the one who seems to bring it back to her music. And, honestly, isn't that what awards shows are all about?



West

What's the deal, Mr. West?

Thirteen dollars and 98 cents.

That's how much Kanye West's new album, "808's & Heartbreak," will cost you.

Of course, that's assuming that a disc with that title actually exists.

As MTV reported Wednesday, a Kanye West album by that name was listed on **amazon.com** and **target.com** along with a Dec. 16 release date. Could this be the title of his new album, which has yet to come out with an official title or release date?

We'll have to wait to find out: MTV wasn't able to nail down a comment from a Def Jam spokesperson.

Alba

Alba's 'shocking' ad

Jessica Alba doesn't seem worried that her appearance in a controversial ad for voter group Declare Yourself could turn heads. "People respond to things that are shocking," says Alba, who appears bound with duct tape over her mouth in the ad. "The Love Guru" star says the image resonates with the voting issue. "If you don't register and vote and make a difference ... you are essentially just binding and muzzling yourself."

Armstrong

Just bring the heat

Ladies, Lance Armstrong is an equal opportunity romantic. Asked in an interview with Men's Vogue if he ever considers dating brunets, the recently un-retired cyclist, who has been linked to blonds Kate Hudson and Sheryl Crow, had this to say: "Uhmm, yeah. I don't discriminate — on anything." His only standard, according the mag? That they be "hotter than doughnut grease."

NOTED

Kevin Connolly lived with Tobey Maguire and Leonardo DiCaprio when they were all young, out-of-work actors, he tells the October issue of Playboy.

QUOTED

"I paid for Madonna's 50th. And unless someone's prepared to pay the same amount for mine, it's unlikely to be as big."

GUY RITCHIE
Madonna's husband, talking to the AP about his 40th birthday on Wednesday

DEMOTED

"Gossip Girl" star Chace Crawford. After telling Us Weekly "I can't talk politics," he dropped this gem: "I'm not gonna lie. Sarah Palin is quite attractive."

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Fat?

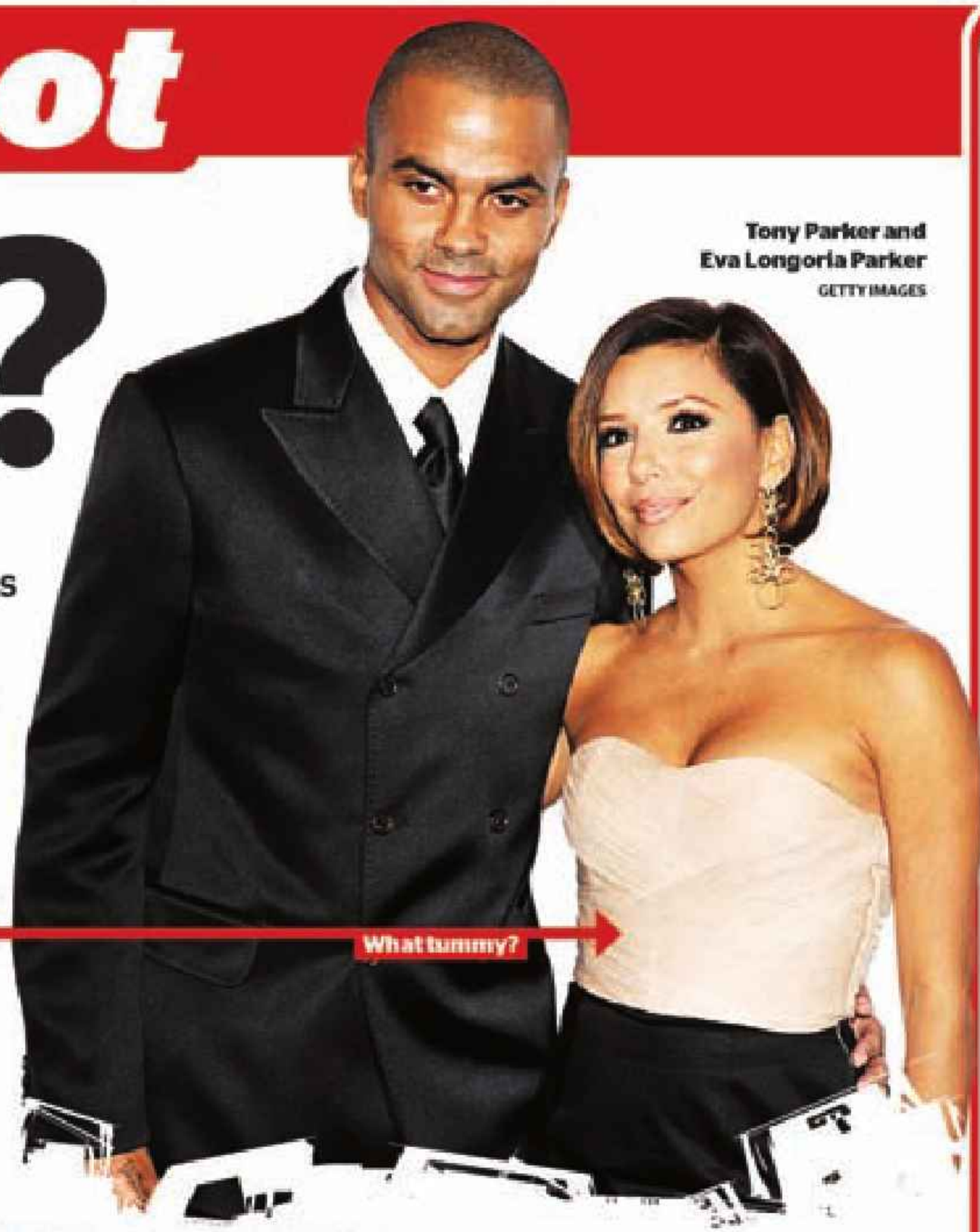
Longoria dodges baby rumor with weight remarks

Eva Longoria Parker says she's not pregnant.

She's just, well ...

"I'm just fat," said the "Desperate Housewives" star, who has said she's gaining weight for the upcoming season of the show. The three-word response came out during an interview she and husband Tony Parker gave to French publication Le Grand Journal, according to **usmagazine.com** excerpts, and presumably it put to rest rumors that Longoria Parker's expecting.

In the world of "Housewives," however, her character, Gabrielle, is "having a very tough time being the mother of two overweight, hyperactive children," creator Marc Cherry recently told Us Weekly. "But Eva is having a marvelous time playing her!"



Tony Parker and Eva Longoria Parker
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Manson and her victim in the season opener.

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Attack of the toilet humor

Shirley Manson's first professional acting gig hasn't been easy.

"It's harder to be a robot than one would think," Manson told RedEye during a call with reporters Wednesday.

The former lead singer of Garbage plays cutthroat CEO Catherine Weaver on Fox's "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles." She's also—SPOILER AHEAD!—a liquid metal terminator like the one played by Robert Patrick in "Terminator 2."

The big reveal came in Monday's season premiere, when a men's room urinal morphed into Manson's character, who then killed the man standing before her.

"It is every man's nightmare," Manson said. "It is a male bastion of security, if you like, in the urinal. ... That was a true terror."

THE VELVET ROPE

Getting fresh with Franco

James Franco is, like, totally a co-ed.

The "Pineapple Express" star was spotted doing his graduate homework while listening to music in a Columbia University cafe, according to a blogger for Columbia's student newspaper.

Franco recently enrolled in Columbia's Master of Fine Arts Writing Program this semester, according to news reports.

Franco attracted quite an audience, "particularly the type of ridiculous, squealing, freshman girl," who were "harassing the poor guy," Vesal Yazdi wrote on one of the Columbia Spectator's blogs.

"At first, he would try not to respond. This made things quite awkward since the gawkers were shameless enough to literally go right up to him in desperate attempts to get his attention," Yazdi wrote. "Ha! He thought his headphones had the power to transport him into another world where he could be a student in peace."

Anne opens up

When Anne Hathaway's boyfriend was busted earlier this year for fraud, the actress was in shock, she says.

"As soon as I found out about the arrest, I had to get on a plane to Mexico to do a press tour for 'Get Smart.' And then I spent a week in shock at a friend's house," the "Get Smart" star says in an interview with W magazine, according to excerpts on **etonline.com**.

The saga continues: Hathaway's ex, Raffaello Follieri, pleaded guilty Wednesday in a multimillion-dollar real estate fraud case, The Associated Press reports.

As part of his plea, he admitted misappropriating at least $2.4 million of investors' money, sending it to foreign personal bank accounts that were disguised as business accounts.

"I knew what I was doing was wrong," he told a judge.

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